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In the House of Lords, Lord Birkenhead bitterly denounced the Government's actions relative to the resignation of Lord Lloyd, High Commissioner for Egypt and Sudan.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT

London, Yesterday.

The House of Lords gave precedence to a motion by the Marquess of Salisbury drawing attention to Lord Lloyd's resignation as High Commissioner for Egypt and the Sudan.

Lord Salisbury described the Government's action as an "abrupt change of policy," and hoped that the Government would realise the serious shock it had given to the stability of our policy towards Egypt. In view of this dramatic stroke, that had resounded in every quarter of the globe, public opinion, not merely in Britain but also in the Dominions, was entitled to know the reason. He asked if the Government had consulted the Dominions, and declared the question was a test of capacity of the Socialist Government to rise to the height of imperial problems.

Labour Policy

Lord Parmoor, replying, reaffirmed the Labour policy of 1924 towards the Government of Egypt. He said that it always desired, whilst reserving certain points like international questions and the Sudan, that arrangements should be made to enable Egypt to become an independent sovereign country. As regards internal affairs, and as regards international or foreign matters, the continuity of policy towards Egypt would remain unchanged.

A Despatch Not Read

Lord Parmoor asked Lord Salisbury to bear in mind a despatch from Sir Austen Chamberlain to Lord Lloyd on May 22.

Lord Salisbury and Lord Birkenhead demanded that the despatch should be read, but Lord Parmoor declined, and said that Mr. A. Henderson would make a fuller statement in the House of Commons to-morrow, whereupon Lord Salisbury admitted cognisance of the despatch, but said he did not consider it justified the Government's action.

Change of Procedure?

Lord Reading said he was greatly disappointed with Lord Parmoor's reply, and asked whether it was a fact that there had been no change of policy, firstly, as



Lord Birkenhead

regards the reserved points and the Sudan, and secondly regarding Egyptian internal affairs.

Lord Parmoor replied to the first question, "I think so," and to the second question, "A change of procedure perhaps."

Lord Passfield said that in this, as in other matters, there had been as much communication as practicable with the Dominions and India, but the House must not imagine the Dominions and India were, or could be consulted about the step Lord Lloyd took. Time did not permit telegraphic communication, and furthermore



Lord Parmoor

into the Government's confidence as regards the negotiations in progress.

Lord Brentford (formerly Sir Jounson Hicks), who said that Lord Lloyd fully enjoyed the late Government's confidence, asked with whom were the negotiations conducted?

Lord Passfield replied: "With the Government of Egypt and they are not yet complete."

Unprecedented

Lord Birkenhead characterised the Government's attitude as scandalous, indecorous, and unprecedented. He particularly criticised the fact that Mr. Henderson's telegram of July 3 to Lord Lloyd was not obtained from the Foreign Office.

Lord Passfield, intervening, said that certain matters could not be produced in the public interest.

Lord Birkenhead retorted that this telegram was the pivot of the resignation story. It was the duty of Parliament to investigate the circumstances. He suggested that formal negotiations were actually proceeding between the Government and high personages representing Egypt without Lord Lloyd being informed. He asked were the negotiations to be concluded without Parliament being informed? He hoped that the rumour that the document was actually signed was untrue. Indeed it was incredible! He concluded—A minority Government had no right to make bold and novel experiments in the fabric of the Empire, and he would use the whole of his instrument to eject it from office if it attempted so monstrous a usurpation of the rights and privileges of Parliament.—Reuter.

"LLOYDIAN" POLICY

Opinions of the Press in Cairo

Cairo, Yesterday.

Lord Lloyd's resignation, or "demission" as it is termed here, has not created any surprise. The newspapers are convinced that the Conservatives, if they had

RUSSIAN EMBASSY'S DENIAL NO BERLIN "TOUCH"

CHINESE DIPLOMATS DEPART FROM MOSCOW

Germany Not to Mediate

Berlin, Yesterday.

The Soviet Embassy here denies the report from Shanghai that it has been negotiating with the Chinese Legation here.

Further to the denial, the Soviet Embassy adds that since the rupture between China and Russia, it has never been in touch with the Chinese Minister in Berlin.

Official circles deny the report that Germany has been asked to mediate between China and Russia. Well-informed opinion is that direct negotiations between the two disputants are impending.—Reuter.

Bound for Finland

Moscow, Yesterday.

The Chinese Embassy in Moscow, headed by Mr. Sia Wei-sung (the Charge d'Affaires) left Moscow to-day, after handing over custody of Chinese affairs to the German Embassy.

The Charge d'Affaires and his staff are proceeding to Finland.—Reuter.

Yen Hsi-shan Declines

Shanghai, To-day.

The National Government has announced the appointment of General Yen Hsi-shan as Provisional Commander of the North-western frontier (against Russia). However, General Yen has declined the appointment on the ground that the settlement of the Sino-China trouble is dependent on diplomatic moves and not on military moves.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

More "War" Reports

Tokyo, Yesterday.

A report from Manchuria says the Chinese fired on five Soviet aeroplanes which came over the city at 7 a.m. to-day. Later, distant sounds of gunfire were heard.

The "Nichi Nichi" has a special despatch from Manchuria stating that the Chinese and Soviet forces opened fire on each other when 18 Soviet aircraft appeared over the city at 6 a.m., throwing the town into confusion. Later, there was gunfire, which died down at 10 a.m. It was believed to be due to Chinese excitability, causing them to fire into the air, the report adds.—Reuter.

Arrests in Canton

Canton, Yesterday.

A number of suspected political agents in Canton were arrested on July 24 for having allegedly expressed pro-Soviet views while many members of the Kuomintang were parading the streets to demonstrate against Russia.

Canton is to offer its air and army services to the National Government, in case war is declared against Russia.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

REPARATIONS

CONFERENCE FIXED FOR THE HAGUE

BELGIUM DISSENTS

Paris, Yesterday.

It is semi-officially stated that all the Powers concerned except Belgium have agreed to the Hague as the venue of the Reparations Conference.

Belgium's acceptance is being solicited.—Reuter.

remained in office, would have asked for the resignation.

The newspaper "Al Ahran" sums up the motives as "the British Government does not wish to have a high Commissioner who governs Egypt directly," and adds that the Egyptians often had occasion to wonder whether Lord Lloyd was carrying out instructions or conducting his own "Lloydian" policy.—Reuter.

Delicate Negotiations

London, Yesterday.

The "Manchester Guardian" in an editorial points out that apart from other considerations, Mr. Henderson is engaged in highly delicate negotiations, whose success will partly depend on a fully sympathetic High Commissioner. These negotiations are with Mahmud Pasha, the Egyptian Premier, at present in London, against whom the Egyptian Nationalists were recently conducting intensive propaganda.—Reuter.

SENATOR EDGE APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Washington, Yesterday.

Senator Edge (New Jersey) has been appointed American Ambassador to France in succession to the late Mr. Myron Herrick.

Senator Edge is a member of the Senate Finance Committee and is



helping to frame the new tariff measure. He will take up his new duties in Paris at the end of the present extra session of Congress.—Reuter's American Service.

MEAN THEFT

IDLER'S WAY OF REPAYING HOSPITALITY

DENIALS VAIN

There is quite a number of people in this world who if given an inch will take an ell, and one such person was an unemployed Chinese who appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Police Court this morning on a charge of larceny.

About a week ago accused asked Sung Ting, a licensed hawkler residing at No. 58 Matsed, Telegraph Bay, Pokfulam, if he could stay with the latter for a few days as he was out of employment. Accused was allowed to stay, and for five or six days he enjoyed the hospitality extended him.

"On Wednesday morning," related complainant, "I went out to buy something while my son was away to look after the stall. We both returned at 7 o'clock in the evening, when I discovered that the basket at my bed was broken and three suits of clothing and some cigarettes were stolen."

Suspecting accused, complainant went over to Shamshuipo and informed his wife about the theft. He instructed her to keep a look out for accused.

The next day complainant's wife went to the Yau-mat Railway Station, where she met accused and he was arrested.

Inspector James, who prosecuted, said that the clothing (two jackets and three pairs of trousers), a flour bag and five packets of cigarettes were valued at \$5.45. Accused was taken by a detective to No. 245 Lai-chikok-road, where he claimed he was staying. The occupants of that flat, however, denied all knowledge of him, and said that he had never stayed there before.

Accused pleaded that the clothes and cigarette belonged to him. The flour bag, he said, was picked up at Sassoon-road.

His Worship inquired why accused had such an amount of ill-fitting clothes and asked him to explain how he came to possess women's trousers?

Accused (reassuring): Women's trousers? No; they are mine and I wear them.

His Worship said that it was no use arguing any further. It was absurd for the accused to think that he would believe such a story as had been offered. Accused was very optimistic indeed if he thought so.

His Worship described the theft as a particularly mean one when one took into consideration the unquestioned hospitality complainant had extended to him.

Accused was sentenced to two months' jail.

"REDS" ARRESTED

Paris, Yesterday.

The total arrests in the recent round up of communists is 107.—Reuter.

BONE OF CONTENTION IN CHINA "ROW" WITH SOVIET

RAILWAYS IN MANCHURIA AND JAPAN'S POSITION

RED REVOLUTION'S SEQUEL

To appreciate fully the present conflict, it is necessary to have an understanding of the historical importance of the Chinese Eastern Railway and Manchuria.

On the north-easternmost point of China lies Manchuria, bounded by the Chinese province of Chihli and Mongolia on the west; by the Siberian province of Transbaikalia, Amursk, and Primorskaya on the north-west, north-

OCCASIONAL RAIN

This morning's weather report states:

A weak anti-cyclone lies over Japan. Pressure is relatively low in a trough extending from Tongking across the Philippines to the Pacific.

A depression has developed about 250 miles south of Hong Kong. It will probably move westward.

Forecast:—E. winds, fresh, cloudy; occasional rain.

The American Consulate-General has received from the Manila Observatory the following cable:—

July 25, 9.15 p.m.—Cyclone or typhoon E. of Aparri less than 300 miles distant, filling up.

east, and east. In 1911 an agreement was concluded by the "Four Nations" consortium, to finance the development of Manchuria, but was at that time opposed by Russia and Japan until their participation under conditions securing to them continuance of their privileged position. A further treaty arranged in 1911 and an agreement in 1916 strengthened Russia's position considerably, while the formal annexation of Korea by Japan in 1910 had already placed the numerous Koreans in Manchuria under Japanese consular jurisdiction.

The Japanese Ultimatum

Then in 1912 the railway from Changchun to Kirin was opened, to be quickly followed up by the terms of a new treaty concluded by China as the result of the Japanese ultimatum accompanying the "Twenty-one-Demands," and the lease of the South Manchurian Railway and of the Antung-Muk-

den lines was extended to 99 years (to 2002 and 2007 respectively).

Later came the linking up of the whole railway system of Korea with the South Manchurian Railway, and under these conditions the growing activities and influence of the railway rapidly became one of the most important factors in the economic life of Manchuria.

Followed in 1917 the disorganisation of the Central Government of China, and the collapse of Russia just after 1917, and these events gave to Japan in Manchuria an economic, financial and political ascendancy she had not before enjoyed.

Chang-Tso-lin

One of the dominant and increasingly powerful Chinese figures in Manchuria has been the late Chang Tso-lin, says a special correspondent in the "Straits Times." General Chang, in 1924 still in middle life, had once been connected with a band of Hunghutze, or bandits, but he was taken into the service of the Chinese Government, and in 1911 was acting as Military Governor of Fengtien. From this time onwards his power grew until in 1920 he was one of the major figures in the Chinese political situation, and Manchuria had become virtually a semi-independent principality under his sole control. The Russian influence, as was

POPE NO PRISONER TRADITION OF THE PONTIFFS ENDED

HISTORIC CEREMONY

Vatican City, Yesterday.

Acclaimed by hundreds of thousands of people, His Holiness the Pope this evening issued from the Vatican into St. Peter's Square, thus ending the tradition that the Pontiffs must be prisoners in their



places which has lasted since 1870. The Pope was carried to a platform on the shoulders of twelve crimson-clad attendants, surrounded by his gorgeous Court.

The Pope made a circuit of the Square and then descended in front of St. Peter's, where an altar had been erected, and gave the kneeling multitude the Apostolic Benediction.—Reuter.

expected did not disappear with the collapse of the old regime.

Russia's Revolution

For a time there can be no doubt that it was certainly weakened, but with the rise to power of the Soviet Government in Russia, and the establishment of regular diplomatic relations with China in 1924, the power of Russia was restored and her influence became rapidly increasing. The Russian revolution had already had a disastrous effect upon the Chinese Eastern Railway, for with its coming the board of directors was scattered from Petrograd and the manager espoused the cause of Admiral Koltchak.

With the existing disorder in Russia and Siberia, the railway's traffic and finances naturally suffered violent dislocation and loss. The Russian Legation in Peking, which had remained loyal to the old regime, took the situation in hand and caused the Russo-Asiatic Bank to call, in Peking, a meeting of the shareholders to elect a new board of directors.

New Agreements

China, meanwhile, had entered the World War (summer of 1917) and in March of 1918 had signed a new agreement with Japan for military co-operation.

In pursuance of this fresh agreement the Japanese troops took up a position on the Chinese Eastern Railway zone.

The future of the railway, however, was governed by what is now known as the Mukden Agreement of October, 1924, when it was agreed that, with the exception of matters affecting the conflicting business operations (already under the direct control of the railway) all matters relating directly to the rights of the national and local governments of China should be administered by the Chinese authorities.

China Can Buy Back

When in 1924 the Soviet Government began to resume relations with China, the railway became one of the chief topics in the negotiations. The agreement of May 31, 1924, by which normal diplomatic relations were restored between China and Russia, contained a long article which, among other things, had an assurance that China might buy the railway, a provision for a conference to settle more definitely the future of the railway and a clause which stipulated that the future of the railway would be decided by the two contracting parties to the exclusion of any third party or parties.

Another aspect of considerable importance was the clause forbidding the activities of subversive propaganda directed against the economic and political systems of each other. The virus of communist propaganda makes itself felt wherever civilisation is attempting to forward the growth of backward peoples.

PRINCIPLE OF NAVAL PARITY

U.S. DEFINITION

ABSOLUTE EQUALITY IN FIGHTING STRENGTH

FOR ALL CATEGORIES

Washington, Yesterday.

Mr. H. L. Stimson, Secretary of State, in defining the principle of naval parity as agreed to by General Dawes and Mr. Ramsey MacDonald, said that it meant absolute equality in fighting strength of the British and American Fleets, applying to all categories of ships. "Statesmanship"

Washington, Later.

Mr. Stimson, in the course of his formal statement, said that the doctrine of parity was a doctrine not of war but of statesmanship. Its immediate purpose was to prevent two navies building against each other and to effect instead a reduction of their respective strengths. "Liveliest Satisfaction"

Washington, Yesterday.

Mr. MacDonald's and President Hoover's pledges of curtailment of Navy building are hailed as a happy indication of an approaching agreement on the disarmament problem.

Officials here expressed the liveliest satisfaction in the fact that a remarkable change of opinion regarding Britain has manifested itself in official and political circles almost overnight.

Mr. Stimson described the move as an immense and tremendous step forward in naval reduction. "Decide"

Amid a chorus of approval practically the only discordant note is the voice of Mr. Fred Britten, Chairman of the House of Representatives Naval Affairs Committee, who stigmatises the British move as "decide."

Those in close touch with President Hoover say that the President hopes that one effect of his pronouncement will be to end the Chauvinistic talk in America and Britain which he regards as of paramount psychological importance.

It is interesting to note in this connection that General Dawes is reported to have recently advised Mr. Stimson that if something could be done to disarm the "super-patriots" both in Britain and America, a settlement of the disarmament problem would be comparatively simple.

British Gestures

An intimation that the American action is a direct response to Mr. MacDonald's gesture is contained in Mr. Hoover's statement.

He said that Mr. MacDonald indicated his goodwill and positive intention by suspension of construction of a portion of the year's programme; and declared that the British cruiser strength at present exceeds the American strength and the actual construction of three projected cruisers is unlikely to produce inequality in the final result, but he has decided to suspend the laying down of three keels because he did not wish to have any misunderstanding of American actions, though hopes of relief lay more largely in the later years' programme under the law of 1928.—Reuter's American Service.

STILL MORE WATER

FLOW INTO RESERVOIRS NOT STOPPED

"GAINS" ALL ROUND

In spite of the rain in the 24 hours ended this morning having been almost negligible, the reservoirs both in Hong Kong Island and in Kowloon received additions to the quantity of water in storage, even after deducting the daily consumption.

Hong Kong's "gain" was 16 million gallons, bringing the total to 720 million gallons. Kowloon's "gain" was 8½ million gallons, and the total there is now 344.6 million gallons.

TIED OF LIFE

A Chinese widow named Yeung Kui (58), living in Ukong village, committed suicide yesterday by drowning herself in a pond in the village. Neighbours said that the woman had been "queer" for some time, attributing her uneasiness to domestic troubles, she having to shift for herself since her husband's death.

The Police removed the body to the Kowloon mortuary.

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TAKADA	9,349	16th Aug.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KARMALA	9,128	30th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*NACPORE	5,281	1st Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*MIRZAPORE	6,715	2nd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
ST. ALBANS	4,800	10th Sept.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
ALFORD	5,978	11th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
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SHIP'S FALL TO STARBOARD AS
ANOTHER PASS

Having come in with a cargo from
overseas, and turned in the Thames
before docking, it was a question in
the Admiralty Court how the Glasgow
steamer "Sagging," of 5,000 tons,
came into collision with the steamer
"Lovaas," which was passing her going
down. The "Lovaas" brought her
action against the "Sagging," and met
the answer that the "Lovaas" was
proceeding down not too fast but too
slow, so that a small struck her star-
board bow and drove her on the bow
of the stationary ship.

The President (Lord Merivale)
heard the suit, and Mr. Haywood ap-
peared for the plaintiffs, the owners
of the "Lovaas," instructed by Messrs.
Thos. Cooper and Co.; and Mr. J. G.
Trapnell was for the Glasgow owners,
instructed by Messrs. Holman, Fen-
wick and Wilson.

Giving judgment, Lord Merivale
said the collision occurred about
abreast of Deadman's Dock, between the
"Lovaas," 1891 tons gross, and 256ft.
long, outward bound, and the "Sagging," a Glasgow
steamer, of 5,000 tons register, and
463 ft. long, beam 61 ft., coming in
laden from overseas. The "Sagging's"
draft was somewhat deep. She was to
turn into the Greenland Dock to the south
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south shore. When the "Lovaas" got
pretty well to her bows, the "Sagging"
started to sheer about towards the
south shore. But for the sheer of the
"Sagging," he said, there would have
been no trouble. "When they were
close together, the "Sagging" was
heading" three or four points, I should
say, the down-river heading. The
"Lovaas" at that time was angled to
the southward. An answer he made
in re-examination was relied on.
"The tide could have sheered her, but it
seemed she sheered too fast for that.
I think she must have had engine
action. It was said there was no
engine action, and this ex-
perienced witness had said the
tide was not enough to ac-
count for the collision, so it could
not have been the movement of the
"Sagging" which did it.

Action of the Tide
There was a great deal of evidence
about the action of the tide. It was
quite clear that it was the underlying
impression of men experienced on the
river, who had immediate knowledge of
the collision, that the tide could have
substantially contributed to the col-
lision. There was apparently a set of
the tide below the Millwall Dock en-
trance across to the south side, and it
was said the tide set back a little
higher towards the north shore. The
tide could not be left out of account.
No engine action of the "Sagging," it
had been said, brought her heading
from 1 point to 3 or 4 off the down-
river course.

On examination of the "Sagging's"
engine movement book, one thing was
clear, that for two minutes, under
very emphatic orders not long before
the collision—within five minutes—
her engines had been going full
astern and that there was no
drastic action subsequently on
anything like the same pro-
longed or emphatic character.
With this vessel's engine going
full astern there was no doubt, having
regard to the action of her screws,
that her head would be liable to
board, and in all human probability
her head was liable to starboard as
the result of that full astern of her en-
gines. There was a point of time not
long after when the starboard tug of
the "Sagging" was ordered under
stem, and the port tug was ordered to
tow on her port bow, and engine action
was taken.

The court was asked to say, after
critically examining the engine move-
ment book, that it could not impute
any result to the engine-room action in
conjunction with the action of the
tugs. In addition to the evidence of
the three witnesses, it was a significant
thing that two minutes at least before
the collision the tug was ordered under
stem, and the port tug was ordered to
tow on her port bow, and engine action
was taken. At any rate, that
action was taken, and whether pre-
sented before the collision or a certain
number of minutes before the tug was
towing away on her port bow, to cor-
rect a heading to starboard.

Kept Her Course
Having regard to the evidence of
the pilot of the "Lovaas" and the
three witnesses, he had men-
tioned his Lordship was as
convinced as man might be
that the "Sagging" sheered
in the manner described. He was
satisfied also that the "Lovaas" down
to the time when the distinct pier of
the "Sagging" necessitated her taking
action she could be taken to mitigate
the possibility of collision, that the
"Lovaas" kept her steady course down
river and he was satisfied that she took
no starboard helm action at any time
material to this collision.

He was satisfied also that she was
not travelling at a speed which placed
her at the mercy of the tide, which
prevented her keeping her intended
course down river. The pilot of the
"Sagging" specified three possible
causes in the "Lovaas" to account for
the collision. He said the starboard
tug to clear a dumb barge drifting outside
Deadman's Dock buoy, that she had
little way on her, and that she had a
fresh wind on her starboard.

His Lordship was satisfied, however,
that the "Lovaas" took no starboard
helm action, which altered her course
relatively to the "Sagging," and that
she had steerage way—the measure
of time the court had as to the period
in passing from just forward of the
bow of the "Sagging" to her star-
board bow, corroborated that—and as
to the suggestion that there was a
swell which threw her off her course
under the bow of the "Sagging," he dis-
missed that as an entirely unfounded
idea. It was a proposition which
sprang up for want of a better ex-
planation. It was true there was a
wind of moderate force, but there was
not any wind which interfered at all
with the careful navigation of the
"Lovaas," or threw her off her course.

What appeared was that the collision
was due to the sheer of the "Sagging."
It was not suggested on the part of
the "Sagging" that she should have
sheered, in case she did sheer, if pro-
per steps had been taken to keep her
on her heading in the river, and the
"Sagging" must be found to blame, and
alone to blame, for the collision.

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AGED BY TIME

Mr. Cecil M. Heworth, the
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Walter, daughter of the late Mr.
A. C. Walter, of Walton-on-Thames.

YOUNG LIVERPOOL

VISIT THE MINESWEEPERS
IN ALBERT DOCK

Young Liverpool took full advantage
of the liberty allowed them aboard the
minesweepers in Albert Dock, Liver-
pool. The youngsters roved about the
ships to their hearts' content. They
might have been searching a derelict
vessel, so eager were they to see all
the boys ascended the rigging to the
"crow's nest," and from aloft sang out
"All's well." They trained the four-
inch gun upon peaceful vessels lying in
the vicinity, and swung the powerful
searchlight. Into the engine-room they
descended with alacrity. But their
nimbleness soon turned to caution—
engine-room is no place in which to
frolic. They paused at the stern to
ponder over two iron whales, which are
the sweepers.

BIG FRENCH JOB

GIVEN TO A GERMAN
YARD

The freight and passenger liner
"Puerto Rico" of the Cie. Generale
Transatlantique, having arrived at the
Transatlantique pier, was ordered to
Hamburg, where she will undergo ex-
tensive alterations. The work includes
increasing the boiler capacity, installa-
tion of oil fuel burning, the construc-
tion of new tanks for fuel oil, and the
fitting of Bauer-Wach turbines. In
addition, the first class passenger ac-
commodation is to be improved.

BRISTOL'S TRAFFIC

FOREIGN AND COASTWISE
DECREASES

Compared with the same period a
year ago, trade at the port of Bristol
during May showed a decrease in both
the foreign and coastwise section. At
the foreign arrivals in the foreign
section consisted principally of near
Confidential traders, the total accom-
modated during the month being 31.
Five steamers came to the City Docks
from Mediterranean ports, while two
Bristol City liners from United States
ports were also included in the arrivals.
Grain arrivals at Avonmouth were
below the average, only half-a-dozen
being accommodated, including the
Swedish four-masted barque "Beatrice"
from Australia. In the Australian
service five liners enter Avonmouth,
either to load or discharge, while two
steamers in the Cunard-Anchor
Brookbank service from U.S. ports,
one in the Isthmian Line service from
Pacific ports, and three berth liners
from Montreal also docked. There was
a busy time with oil tankers, both from
overseas and coastwise. Messrs.
Elders and Fyffes ran an increased ser-
vice of banana boats to Avonmouth,
the liners arriving during the month,
and discharging no fewer than 761,500
stems of fruit.

At all three docks last month there
were 71 foreign arrivals, with a regis-
ter tonnage of 165,122, compared with
79 arrivals a year ago, with a tonnage
of 177,569, or a decrease in arrivals
of 8, and in tonnage 12,746. Foreign
imports were:—General cargo, 11,111
fruits 11, grain 6, potatoes 2, and each

of locust beans, asphalt, iron, wines and
spirits, stone, resin and turps, and
esparto. From coastwise ports there
were 514 arrivals last month, with a
register tonnage of 108,168, compared
with 539 arrivals a year ago, with a
tonnage of 97,532, or a decrease in ar-
rivals of 25, but an increase in tonnage
of 10,586. Imports, coastwise, totalled
94,125 tons.

Foreign sailings last month number-
ed 35, with a register tonnage of
127,342, compared with 53 sailings a

year ago, with a tonnage of 119,995,
or an increase in sailings of 2, and in
tonnage 10,557. Foreign exports were:
—General cargo, concentrates 2, and coke
1. There were 571 sailings for coast-
wise ports during May, with a regis-
ter tonnage of 124,308, compared
with 610 sailings a year ago, with a
tonnage of 184,497, or a decrease in
sailings, a year ago, with a tonnage of
184,497, or a decrease in sailings of 39,
and in tonnage 63,261. Coastwise ex-
ports totalled 27,766 tons.

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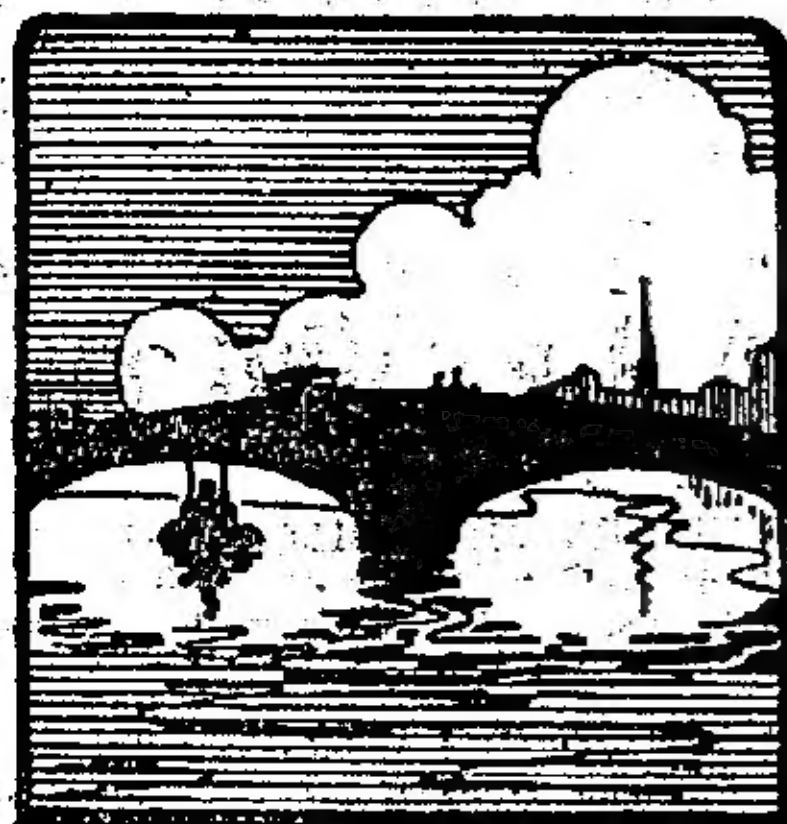
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DEATH

WONG TIN TSEUNG of Field Cottage, Kowloon City. Funeral will take place at Yat Pit Ting, Kennedy Town, at 3.30 p.m. Saturday, the 27th instant.

Hong Kong, Friday, July 26, 1929.

BRITAIN'S NAVAL POLICY

There will, of course, be a very varied reception given to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's suggested naval policy, and it is certain that before it is finally agreed to by the House of Commons it will have to be very thoroughly discussed. It is so drastic that it is little short of being revolutionary. The Prime Minister is transparently sincere in his belief of his proposals that in itself almost compels admiration for them. But on our first line of defence we rely so very much that we cannot, even for a moment, permit of pleasing ideas usurping the place of hard facts. Mr. MacDonald is a Celt and all his life, though he has probably called himself a rationalist, he has been and is an idealist.

He accepts the principle of parity, as suggested by the Americans, as though it were a matter of not the slightest moment, whereas it was to the Conservative Government a matter of supreme importance. The fact is that Mr. MacDonald thinks of the Navy as in time of peace whereas the Conservatives thought of it and still think of it as a war machine, which, of course, is its primary purpose. The chief object of the Labour Government, like the Hoover Administration, seems now to be retrenchment. Economy has to be effected no matter at what

risk; and the risk is very great if we are to be content with what the peace-loving Labour Party regard as a "minimum." Their "minimum," however, is based upon data supplied by the experts at the Admiralty. But though Mr. MacDonald's statement was convincing enough in its sincerity, still he did not appear to be too willing to give precise details and, indeed, did not give them. This question of a "minimum" may yet prove to be "the fly in the ointment," for unless it has been made with a view fully to safeguarding the Empire, it is unlikely that the Liberals will support the Government, and without such support the united weight of the Conservative vote to which there would probably be a good many Liberal votes to be added, it will collapse and with it the Labour Government.

It is all very well to talk of and desire peace and retrenchment, and doubtless a start must be made in that direction towards attaining a more rational state of affairs, but evidently the time has not yet arrived for revolutionary changes in connection with our Navy. Both the French and the Italian Navies are to-day larger than they were before the war, and this is a factor that must be taken into consideration no matter how peaceable the outlook may be at present. On the other hand, there is no use entering into Kellogg or any other kind of peace pacts unless we are to do something to make such more or less idealistic arrangements practical. If along with this mutual desire for curtailment in naval armament an alliance between the United States and Great Britain were announced the disarmament proposals of Mr. MacDonald would be much more acceptable to a majority of Britons. But to enter upon them precipitately in the hope that the example, excellent as it is, will be followed by other Powers, seems much too dangerous an experiment and one that should not be entered upon except for reasons much more cogent and convincing than those so far given.

A tent marked "Woodbury, U.S.A. Army" found in the possession of a Chinese resulted in his being charged at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith with unlawful possession.

A fine of \$50 was imposed by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy on a Chinese accountant who pleaded "guilty" to the unlawful possession of 68 sticks of dynamite without a permit. The defendant's excuse was that the dynamite was left in his possession by a watchman who was taking the surplus dynamite back to the quarry.

Two cases of enteric fever were notified yesterday. One was British and the other Chinese.

Mrs. W. V. M. Koch, of No. 166, The Peak, reported to the Police last night the loss of a lady's black satin cloak lined with genuine ermine valued at \$250. It was stolen from a box in her bedroom. The last time she wore the cloak was in November last.

A Chinese woman named Hui Kiu, living at No. 8, Gilles-avenue, Hungnam, yesterday turned over to the Police a packet containing half a pound of illicit raw opium. She said that the drug was concealed under a counter, and she suspects that it had been "planted" there by a man who lived in the front cubicle.

In the Summary Court yesterday, before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, Lau Kwok-ching, fireman's boy and assistant to the No. 1 stoker on board the R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" sought to recover a sum of \$881.60 on a promissory note signed by Lau Sing, No. 1 fitter on the same vessel. Defendant claimed that the money owing was a gambling debt. Judgment was given for plaintiff with costs.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FILM CRITICISM

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—It was really cheering to read that account of the protest made by Mr. Mancini, regarding the quality of the pictures shown at the "Queen's Theatre," etc., during the past few months.

What is needed now is the wholehearted support of the public, to follow up the protest, then we can hope that the Management of the Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd., will do something about it.

At one time, I could boast to my people at home that we saw films quite six months before they did: now my sister writes from Constantinople and has the laugh on me! I ask you! One has only to read through some of the motion picture magazines to realise that we are getting positively ancient pictures, to say the least, and most of them are regarded as "second" and even "third" choice (with very few exceptions).

(1) When are we going to see even one of the following first class films:—"The Trial of Mary Duggan," "The Divine Lady," "The Canary Murder Case," "Alias Jimmy Valentine," "Interference," and "The Fleet's In," to cite only a small number.

(2) Are we ever going to see Colleen Moore, Bachelova, Maurice Chevalier, and many other first class stars?

(3) Is there never going to be an end to these dreadful circus pictures?

(4) Are Greta Garbo, Dolores Del Rio, and Victor McLaglen, the management's idea of "first class entertainment?"

Well, I think that that is enough to be going on with, though I could say a good deal more.

Yours, etc.,

Hong Kong, July 26.

THE VOLUNTEERS

ORDERS FOR ENSUING WEEK

Orders by Lt. Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commandant, comprise the following:—

Sports Sub-Committee Meeting
There will be a meeting of the Sports Sub-Committee on Monday at 6.45 p.m., at Corps Headquarters.

Corps Band
There will be a full Band Practice on Tuesday, at 5.30 p.m., at Corps Headquarters, dress uniform.

Motor Cycle Section
Monday, All ranks parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m., for Road Exercises, dress uniform.

Mounted Infantry Company
Thursday, Parade at Riding School at 5.30 p.m.

Pipe Band, The Pipe and Drums will parade at Corps Headquarters at 6 p.m. on Wednesday for practice.

In order to bring the Band up to strength, arrangements have been made for holding classes in Piping under Major Mackie.

Will members of the Corps who wish to take advantage of these classes please send in their names either to Captain Alistair Mackenzie or the Adjutant as soon as possible.

Portuguese Company
N.C.O.'s Class. N.C.O.'s are reminded that an extra class has been arranged to-day at 5.30 p.m.

The next class after will be held on Friday, August 2. N.C.O.'s are reminded that there are only a few more classes to be held before the training season commences, and are advised to attend as many as possible of these classes.

Transfer
No. 1408 Pte. H. O. Davies is transferred from No. 2 Platoon to The Battery, as from July 22.

Leave
No. 1370 L/Sgt. J. Murray, Reserve Company, from July 20, 1929, to February 5, 1930, on medical grounds.

Struck off the Strength
Having left the Colony as from July 20, 1929, No. 1250 Pte. F. F. Swayne, Armoured Car Section.

The east stand at the Dell, Southampton's football ground, was destroyed by fire on a recent Saturday afternoon after the last match of the season ended.

EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A.

PRESENTATION TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY

MR. P. SANDS

The members of the European Y.M.C.A. met last night for the purpose of saying good-bye to Mr. P. Sands, M.A., Assistant Secretary, who is leaving tomorrow on the "Sava Maru" for England.

In the absence of the President, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., presentation to Mr. Sands was made by Mr. W. L. Pattenden, Vice-President of the Association which took the form of a silver junk, a travelling clock, and a despatch case. Mr. Pattenden said Mr. Sands had taken a prominent part in all the Association's activities. He had great personal influence and capacity for friendship and the members were losing a real friend. He had also largely interested himself in the religious life of the Colony, more especially at St. Andrew's, but he had always been ready to help elsewhere. He sincerely hoped that in years to come Mr. Sands would return to work in Hong Kong.

Mr. Sands' Reply
Expressing thanks Mr. Sands said his three years at the Y.M.C.A. had been very happy ones. He hoped the spirit which prevailed in the Y.M.C.A. would continue to grow and that the Association would prosper spiritually, in sport and in social service.

SMART WORK

WANCHAI MURDER AND A SEQUEL

SUSPECT IN CUSTODY

As a result of a smart piece of detective work, a Chinese is now in Police custody on a charge of murder. The murder occurred at 6.35 p.m., yesterday, and the alleged culprit was arrested within an hour.

The murdered man was a coolie named Yang Lek-hong (38), living at No. 12, Stone Nullah-lane. He was found dead outside No. 2, Taiyuan-street with a stab wound in the chest. Near the body was a rattan maker's blood-stained needle, which was undoubtedly the weapon used by the murderer.

Working on this clue, C.I.D. men made investigations which resulted in the arrest of another coolie named Yeung Kwai-tin (40), who lives at No. 2, Bullock-lane, second floor. The motive of the crime is as yet unknown, but it has been ascertained by his finger-print that the dead coolie had been banished for life from Singapore and Hong Kong, and it is also suspected that the arrested man may also be a life banished.

It is possible that the men had quarrelled in Singapore and a grudge had been nursed by one, resulting in the taking of revenge when they met in Hong Kong.

The Police removed the body to the Public mortuary.

USE YOUR HAND!

FIGHTERS WENT "OUTSIDE THE RULES"

MAGISTERIAL HOMILY

"You went outside the rules of the game when you used weapons like this," Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning told two of three Chinese who appeared before him on a charge of disorderly conduct by fighting on the Shaikwan-road.

Sergeant Hynes, the prosecuting officer, told the Magistrate that there appeared to have been a dispute between the Chinese workers at the Hong Kong Electric Company's power station, and the upshot was that they divided into two clans and there was a battle royal in which irons, spanners and poles were used.

One of the accused had his head cracked, and appeared in Court with bandages.

Mr. Hamilton: These are not our friends the "Pierce Tigers" again, are they?—No.

Addressing the three accused his Worship said: "You have got to know that you cannot do this sort of thing. I am going to bind you all over in the sum of \$50 each to keep the peace for six months."

"A Gentleman—More or Less?"
To the man with the bandaged head, Mr. Hamilton said: "You seem to have used your hands and to have been more or less a gentleman about it. I will discharge you with a caution."

The remarks quoted at the top of this report were then addressed by the Magistrate to the other two men who were ordered to pay fines of \$5 or 10 days' hard labour.

Speaking to all three accused jointly, his Worship said: "You cannot be allowed to be disorderly in any case. If you have got to fight use your hands, and remember that people who use their hands get off much better than those who use weapons."

SHANGHAI WHEEL

MEXICAN DEFENDANTS SENTENCED

Shanghai, Yesterday.
Senors Carlos Garcia and Del Valle, the Mexican defendants in the "wheel" (roulette) gambling case in the International Settlement were each sentenced to one year's imprisonment and a fine of \$2,000 by the Provisional Court, this afternoon.

Notice of appeal has been lodged.—Reuter.

PIRAPS

P'RAP'S NOT!

Husband (who has been asked to try cake baking in oven): "Darling—is it done when the knife breaks off inside it?"

Three men of different nationalities were discussing the size of present day liners.

First Man: "Our ships are so large that the captain requires a motor car to go round issuing orders."

Second Man: "In our liners the chief engineer has an aeroplane for making his inspection of the engines."

Third Man: "In our boats the chef needs a submarine to go through the soup to test the potatoes."

Mike and Pat were arguing about their ability to carry loads. Pat claimed he could carry 200 pounds.

"But I did it yesterday," persisted Pat.

"Did you carry a barrel of flour, then?" asked Mike.

"I did not. But I carried an automobile tyre over each shoulder sivil blocks for the boss. And I heard the man say there was 100 pounds of air in each wan av thim."

Dr. Lewis, an old-time Welsh divine, composed a sixteenpenny pamphlet on "How Sin Came Into the World."

A friend of his, who was known to be somewhat heterodox in his theology, advised Lewis to add a chapter telling how to get sin out of the world; he could thus make it a shilling pamphlet—and it would be well worth the additional sixpence.

A very small boy was trying to lead a big St. Bernard up the road.

"Where are you going to take that dog, my little man?" inquired a passer-by.

"I'm going to see where—where he wants to go first," was the breathless reply.

"I'm a \$10,000-a-year man."

"Then that makes your wife a \$9900-a-year woman, doesn't it?"

Secretary: "You have an appointment with the photographer at two."

Executive: "I'm too busy to go. You'll have to attend to it."

"Mrs. Loude is quite frank, isn't she?"

"Frank? Why, she calls a spade a steam shovel!"

Lady: "You have a picture there by Rubens priced at one and sixpence. Can you tell me if it is original or a copy?"

Little Girl: "I'm glad I wasn't born in France, daddie."

Dad: "Why my child?"

Little Girl: "Cos I don't know any French."

"We've got a brand new mahogany piano," said Mr. Cumrox.

"But nobody in your family can play it?"

"Yes, that's the best thing about it."

Jinks: "Did you give an open-air show in spite of the rain?"

Binks: "Yes; the stage was sheltered by trees."

Jinks: "What about the audience?"

Binks: "Oh, he was quite all right; we lent him a mackintosh."

The Victorian grandparent disapprovingly gazed on his young grand-daughter.

"Art, my dear," he observed sentimentally, and pointing an accusing finger to her lipstick, "art cannot improve on nature."

"Oh, rot, old bean," she cried cheerily. "Think how perfectly comic you'd look without your false teeth!"

A certain workman got up too late for work one Monday morning. He was in a big dilemma what excuse to make, as the firm was busy. However, going to the works on Tuesday, a brilliant idea struck him.

The foreman came to him later, and said surlily: "And where were you yesterday?"

"It's like this, boss," replied the workman, seriously. "I'm sorry, but I've got a rip-off calendar by my bed, and when I went to bed on Sunday night I forgot to rip one off. I appeared to look at it Monday mornin' and it said Sunday on it, and I went off to sleep agen."

Rond Mother: "My son has many original ideas, hasn't he?"

Teacher: "Yes, especially in spelling."

Here is an equestrian statue of Jeanne d'Arc.

"And is the horse made of the same material?"

WATER CHARGES

Free Allowance Not Yet To Be Abolished

ECONOMY URGED

Tytam Tuk Temporary Catchwaters

At the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., Attorney General, announced that the water situation had so improved since the previous Council meeting, that it had been decided not to make the regulations abolishing the so-called free allowance.

A series of questions was also asked by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., relative to the harbour pipe line and temporary catchwaters at Tytam Tuk.

In moving the second reading of the Bill intitled "An Ordinance to amend the Waterworks Ordinance 1903," the Attorney General said:

The water situation has improved so much since this Council last met that it has been decided not to make at present the regulations abolishing the so-called free allowance. It may still be necessary to make these regulations: abolishing the free allowance. That will depend on two things, firstly, the rainfall and, secondly, the consumption. It may be that if we get a very dry August—and the minimum rainfall in August is under four inches—we may have to reconsider the making of these regulations. On the other hand, if we get a moderate rainfall but the consumption has risen considerably on account of the relaxation of the restrictions, it may still be necessary to consider making these regulations. It is, therefore, important that economy in the use of water should still be exercised. Hon. members will, of course, understand that if it should be necessary to make these regulations before the end of this current quarter, an event which one hopes will not take place, the new prices contained in the regulations, including the charge for the so-called free allowance, will apply to all water supplied by meter during the current quarter, that is if the regulations are made before the current quarter expires. This temporary proposal, which was dictated by the present emergency, is therefore suspended for the time being and may be abandoned altogether. On the other hand, the present emergency is not over though it is less urgent, and it may even last until the next summer rains. We must, therefore, contemplate the possibility of the introduction of these regulations which have been thus suspended.

Could Be Abolished

I am, however, authorised to say on behalf of the Government that if at any future time, after the present emergency has ceased, any abolition of the free allowance is contemplated, an opportunity will be given to the Legislative Council to discuss the proposal before any actual abolition takes place.

What I have said, Sir, refers to the draft regulations which were published in the "Gazette." Though they are not to be proceeded with at present, it is proposed to continue the enactment of the Bill. I should explain that there is much in the Bill which is of general importance and which is desirable quite apart from any question of the present emergency or the abolition of the free allowance. As a matter of fact the free allowance could be abolished by the Governor in Council at the present moment even without the amending Ordinance. One thing the Bill proposes to do is to bring the penalties for water offences up to more adequate standards. I think it is generally recognised that the present penalties are inadequate in many cases. It also recognises what has long been the basis of the practical calculation of excess consumption, what I call the "meter reader's quarter." It also makes it possible in any future emergency to make regulations to carry out what perhaps I may be allowed to call the Hon. Dr. Tso's scheme dealing with the water supplies at the street fountains. So in many respects the provisions of the Bill are desirable for general reasons and I submit that the enactment of it should be proceeded with. I beg to move the second reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a second time.

Amendment Approved

Council went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause. The Attorney General—I beg to move that clause 4 be omitted as was explained on the introduction of the Bill and that the succeeding clauses be renumbered.

The Colonial Secretary seconded. The amendment was approved. The Attorney General—I beg to move sub-clause 1 of clause 14 be amended to read "by sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Ordinance."

The Colonial Secretary seconded. The amendment was approved. Upon Council resuming, the Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Tytam Catchwaters

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock asked:

1. With reference to the statement made by the Hon. Colonial Secretary, at the last meeting of this Council, to the effect that "in connection with the Dragon's Back West catchwater, a temporary channel dealing with over 150 acres of the area to be drained by that catchwater is being made and will be completed this month, and such temporary catchwater is nearly one mile in length and will have a maximum capacity of ten million gallons per day," will the Government (in view of the extreme importance of collecting into Tytam Tuk Reservoir as much rainwater as possible during the present rainy season) consider the advisability of promptly constructing other temporary catchwaters either from the Dragon's Back or Mount Parker or elsewhere which will drain yet further and larger areas in its neighbourhood into that Reservoir?

2. With reference to the Hon. Colonial Secretary's statement at the last meeting of this Council to the effect that "two Engineers have already been asked for" will the Government state on what date those two additional Engineers were asked for?

3. With reference to the following statements of His Excellency the Governor at the last meeting of this Council: "We propose also without delay to carry the pipe-line across the harbour, a single pipe-line in the first place, because it is really in the nature of an experiment. We are not quite certain of the result, but we are all hoping that it will be a complete success. To construct two pipe-lines will commit the Colony to an expenditure which is unwarrantable in view of the many doubts which still hang over the scheme."

(i) What are the many doubts which still hang over the scheme?

(ii) Is it not the fact that many pipe-lines have been successfully carried over the surface of the bottom of Barrat Inlet, Vancouver, at both the First and Second Narrows?

(iii) Will the Government communicate promptly with the Municipality of Vancouver, with the view of ascertaining by what methods that Municipality has accomplished the laying of pipe-lines across the said Narrows and whether those methods have been successful?

Colonial Secretary's Reply

The Colonial Secretary replied: 1. It is not considered economical to construct further temporary channels in the vicinity of Dragon's Back or Mt. Parker. The channel now under construction is relatively easy and economical owing to the proximity of the principal stream to Tytam Tuk Reservoir. Any other channel constructed as suggested would have to drain into the present channel which has a maximum capacity of 10 million gallons per day. Their principal yield therefore would be lost by overflow and would not reach Tytam Tuk.

2. A requisition for two Engineers for the Waterworks Sub-Department was addressed to the Secretary of State on March 22, 1929, and a request was made that the services of Mr. Henderson might be utilised in selecting the officers.

3. (i) The pipe line is to be laid along the bed of the harbour. It will be exposed to the risk of dragging anchors, and of ships inadvertently dropping their anchors in the proximity of the pipes even though the area is prohibited anchorage. The effects of corrosion and abrasion have still to be experienced; also the effect of typhoons upon the shore connections of the pipe line at each end.

Special joints are required and only experience can show if the type selected will prove the best possible.

The best method of laying the pipes can only be discovered by the experience to be gained in laying the first pipe.

(ii) Numerous submarine water pipe lines have been laid in various places including the place referred to by the member.

(iii) Information from the Vancouver authorities was obtained several months ago and carefully studied, but it was not considered necessary, in view of the information received, to alter the details of the proposed scheme for Hong Kong.

BANKS CLOSED

SEQUEL TO VICE-PRESIDENT'S DISAPPEARANCE

STATE ACTION

New York, Yesterday. The State Banking Department of New Jersey has ordered the closing of the Hobart Trust Company of Passaic, New Jersey, with two of its subsidiary banks, the Merchants' Bank of Passaic and the Service Trust Company of New Jersey, with total assets of five million dollars.

This decision recalls the mysterious disappearance of Mr. William Elliot, Vice-President of the Hobart Company, at the beginning of the month. Elliot reappeared after three days, and said that he had been kidnapped by Chicago gunmen—Reuter's American Service.

THEFTS IN KOWLOON

Mrs. E. H. Otten, of No. 15, Cameron-road, Kowloon, has reported to the Police that some time between noon and 4 p.m., yesterday a thief entered the hall of the house and stole a "pram" valued at \$40.

A pair of flannel trousers, valued at \$15, were reported by Mr. A. Laughton, No. 11, Cameron-road, Kowloon, to have been stolen from the roof of the house, where they had been hung up to dry.

The engagement is announced of Mr. William Maxwell Denison, son of Mr. A. J. Denison, and Miss Gladys Elene Gatacre. Mr. A. J. Denison is a partner of Messrs. Comberbatch and Co., Colombo. He left Ceylon some years ago and resides at Castlesham Manor, Godalming, Surrey.

den emergencies. This risk of course increases with the steady increase in the volume of shipping.

The Administration Board of the Greater Vancouver Water District is not altogether satisfied with its cross-harbour pipe-lines, and is considering the feasibility of boring a pressure tunnel. Details of the laying of a pipe line at Guayaquil, Ecuador, where conditions are similar to those of Hong Kong harbour have also been received and considered.

The Peak Supply

As announced in the "China Mail" yesterday, it had been decided to grant the Peak district an eight hours a day supply as from tomorrow, instead of the present four hours a day. According to an advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue, the hours of supply will be from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Building Supplies

Water supplies to buildings under erection, as advertised elsewhere in this issue, will be connected on application to the Water Authority. It is also announced that no supplies to wharves on the island will be re-connected for the present. Water boat supplies will, however, be available from the Laichikok Dock on and after August 1.

Official Report

An official report on water emergency measures by the Director of Public Works states that owing to the easing of the water situation it has been decided that the provision of further wooden chlorination tanks for nullah supplies be allowed to fall into abeyance. There are several of such tanks ready on hand and they can be installed at short notice, if the situation changes for the worse.

For House Cleansing

For the purpose of utilising the water for house cleansing, the work of drawing from the well in Happy Valley is being proceeded with, as it is felt that the scheme will afford a valuable supply for that purpose.

Statistics and Information

The following statistics and information have been issued by the Water Control Office:

Amounts of water handled by this office and placed in the tanks along the Praya Wall are: From Lai Chi Kok, 880 tons, equal to 45,120 gallons.

From Tsin Wan, 910 tons, equal to 203,840 gallons.

From Steamers, Wang Mun & Co., 10,869 tons, equal to 2,434,656 gallons.

Total 12,159 tons, equal to 2,723,616 gallons.

No large quantities of water were handled from ships in transit, but the "Paul Beau" and "Charles Hardouin," the s.s. "Hai Ning," "Hai Ching," "Hai Yang" of the Douglas s.s. Co. brought a total of 1,790 tons of water which was pumped direct into the tanks.

The M. V. "Fu Kwang" brought in 6,415 tons from the Canton River and Wang Mun.

Tanks cleaned during the week by coolies under the control of the Government (Analyst were Nos. 8, 9 and 11 brick and No. 9 steel tank, near Douglas Wharf. Reports of water taken from the tanks at the tanks by Dr. Minett, Government Bacteriologist, were excellent.

IN OTHER PLACES

CHRONICLES FROM JAPAN TO JAWA

A recent arrival in Shanghai on the "Empress of Russia" was Mrs. C. F. B. Jackson, cousin of Mr. Tarleton, Director of the United States Line.

The Public Health Department at Nanking has ordered an analysis of the Yangtze river water to see whether or not it is good for health.

Four armed men obtained \$34 in a raid made on a Chinese dwelling house in Alabaster Road, Shanghai. One of the occupants of the house attempted to follow the men, but they scattered and escaped down different alleyways.

As the relations between China and Japan have improved Mr. Uyemura, acting Japanese Consul-General at Shanghai, extended an invitation to local Chinese journalists to an entertainment at his residence.

The appeal of Mendal Shornick, a Russian Jew, against a \$500 fine imposed on him by the Provisional Court recently for assisting a fugitive from justice by the name of Sterling, was dismissed in the Criminal Appeal Division of the Court, Shanghai. The police brought an unsuccessful counter-appeal to increase the punishment.

Fines totalling \$7.50 were imposed by Mr. A. J. Martin in the British Police Court, Shanghai, on Mr. C. R. Judah for violations of traffic regulations. The defendant was fined \$5 on a summons for parking his car in a prohibited area in Jinke Road and \$2.50 for a similar offence in Szechuen Road near Nanking Road.

At the Plenary Session of the C.E.C. at Nanking Mr. Tsau Yitong introduced a set of regulations providing for popular education. His aim is that within a short period the whole nation should be able to read ordinary writing in order that the question of political tutelage may be satisfactorily solved and the dream of autonomous government be realized.—Kuo Wen.

Mr. Goffredo Bovo, the Italian Consul, who for a number of years was in charge of Portuguese interests in Bangkok, has had his services recognised by the Lisbon Government, which has conferred upon him a Commander-ship in the Order of Christ. Mr. Bovo was in charge of the Portuguese Consulate from 1919 to the beginning of 1927.

FAMOUS FEUD

MRS. R.L.S.'S "GLAD HENLEY IS DEAD"

New and interesting light on the feud that existed between Mrs. Stevenson, wife of R.L.S., and W. E. Henley, the poet friend of the famous writer, is shed by the following letter, now published for the first time.

It was written by Mrs. Stevenson to Sir Edmund Gosse after Henley's death in 1903—and nine years after the death of her own husband in Samoa. The letter was among the literary effects of Sir Edmund Gosse recently sold at Sotheby's.

November 26, 1903.

The Judson,

Washington Square,

New York City, N.Y.

"My Dear Friend,—This is just a miserable little hook dropped in to space in the hope that I may draw it out to find that I have caught a letter from you that you may have forgotten me by this time."

And that old wallowing behemoth, Henley, is dead. I pretend no regrets. I was glad when I heard it. I wish he had died in the hospital Louis rescued him from.

Whisky Allowance

"From the beginning he did Louis all kinds of harm. Me, he hated more bitterly even than he did you. I always wondered why he hated you? Do you know?"

"He had any number of reasons for disliking me, and some of them in a manner justified. I put him on an allowance of whisky when he visited us and wouldn't allow him in the house when I was absent. I did a good many infuriating things."

"Several times I stopped Louis giving him money that Louis needed himself—or, still more exasperating—that I meant to spend on myself."

"I also refused to let Louis buy a bronze replica of the bust of Henry, which looked to me more like the portrait of a successful dentist than anything else. You see I deserved things."

"With kindest regards to your wife and family. Your almost sole friend."

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

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IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that commencing on SATURDAY, 27th July, water will be turned on daily in all Peak districts from:— 6—11 a.m. and 4—7 p.m.

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WATER BOAT SUPPLIES, LAICHOK.

Such supplies will be available from the Laichikok Water Boat Dock on and after 1st August, 1929.

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Public Works Department, Hong Kong, 25th July, 1929.

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SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN "CHINA MAIL"

Social Functions To-day—Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel—Dinner Dances, 8.30 p.m.

Entertainments To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Casanova, The Prince of Adventurers."

To-day—World Theatre; "Square Crooks."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Boxer Bride."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "The Loves of Pharaoh."

July 27—Brilliant Company of Versatile Stars, at Kowloon Cricket Club, 9.15 p.m.

Lammert's Auction July 30—At 319, Nathan Road, Kowloon, household furniture, 11 a.m.

Home Malls To-morrow—Inward from America and ports ("President Monroe").

To-morrow—Outward for Straits, Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles ("Suwa Maru") 9.30 a.m.

Land Sales July 29—At P.W.D. Offices, four lots of Crown land, at Wong-nel-cheung, Wanchai Gap, Shamshuipo and Prince Edward Road, 3 p.m.

Passengers who left the F.M.S. for Home by the "Kashgar" included Mr. Justice W. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Webb, Mrs. G. C. Colclough, Mr. H. A. Wenman, Mr. W. G. Spencer and Co. Sergt. Major F. Smith.

A collision occurred between a motorcycle combination and a motor car in which the Duke of York was travelling at Staines, Middlesex, but the Duke was able to continue his journey after satisfying himself that only minor damage had been done.

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Of considerable importance also is the water shortage. The first corner has been turned, much to the relief of the Government and the public, but the problem is not completely solved yet. It will be instructive to folks at Home to read how every drop of rain and each gallon of water is being watched studiously; and the "Overland" will tell them all the news about it.

The local tribunals have had a very busy week. In certain proceedings, a discourse on the mui tsai was given by an acknowledged expert, whose views will be very carefully read in Britain, we are sure. The July Criminal Sessions provided fair "copy" and the holding of two District Courts Martial on one day is not altogether common. Much criticism of films was made at the annual meeting of Hong Kong Amusements Limited.

The "Overland" gives the news of the week, local, social, sport, "China" political, etc. Be sure to get your copy.

In the whirl of a trying Hong Kong summer rendered all the more unbearable by the acute shortage of water, letters to relatives and friends in other parts of the world frequently fail to be written even by the most ardent correspondents. It is a kindly thought, therefore, to ensure that these away from the Colony, or folks at Home, should have an unfailing supply of Hong Kong and China news every week by means of a subscription to the "Overland China Mail". Without any trouble of packing and worrying about the Post Office on your part, and at a one-and-only cost of H.K.\$3.75 for three months, the "Overland China Mail" will be sent Home for you every week, catching the mail regularly. It contains just the news, features and pictures from the daily "China Mail" that make a studied appeal to people with any interest in Hong Kong, and many letters testify to the keen pleasure and interest its weekly arrival brings. For your folks at Home to receive this weekly budget, or to keep your self posted with affairs during your absences, all that you have to do is to drop a bit to the "Overland China Mail". The word "Overland" is a reminder of the experience behind the production, it having been published since the early days of the Colony, to be sent to VERLAND because there was no Suez Canal, and that was the quickest route by which to get mail Home. In the march of time, the "Overland China Mail" has become the only weekly news budget which has pictures. It is made just to suit requirements, as it has done "China Mail" that make a studied appeal to people with any interest in Hong Kong, and many letters testify to the keen pleasure and interest its weekly arrival brings.

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THE ALEUTS

WHERE OUTSIDERS MAY NOT LAND

QUEER CUSTOMS

Interesting reports of the American Museum of Natural History disclose conditions of life in the Aleutian Islands, especially the Pribilof, from which the best fur seal comes.

The Aleutians are a chain of islands in Alaska territory, dividing the Bering Sea from the Pacific Ocean.

The total population has fallen from 30,000 to a little over 1,000, due mainly to the acts of Russian hunters in decimating the sea mammals, which were their principal source of food.

On the Pribilof Islands sealing is carried on under the United States Government. The islanders are regarded as Government labourers and no outsider may land there without a special permit. This restriction also applies to the crews of revenue cutters cruising round the islands during the summer. Leave of absence is reluctantly granted to the Aleuts, and none are allowed to return after a year's absence or more.

All the adult Aleuts take part in killing the seal. Almost every day during the summer the fur seals are cut off from their escape to the sea and are driven inland from their rookeries. About half a mile from the shore, the herd is examined. Females, old males and puppies are "cut out" and sent back to the coast. The males between two and five years old are driven to the killing places. The animals are clubbed senseless by blows from long sticks, after which their throats are cut and they are skinned.

Two Dollars a Seal
The community is credited with two dollars for each seal killed. Each head of family has an account with the Government store, where he may obtain ready-made clothing, imported food, tools and other needed commodities, as well as luxuries. Toward the end of the year the hunter receives his balance in money.

Large families receive more than small ones, regardless of the number of hunters; widows and orphans of men who died in the Government service receive their share.

The sealing is profitable. Statistics for 1927, the latest year for which they are available, show that 21,302 seal-skins were sold, realising \$149,100; 728 blue foxes, which abound on the islands, were sold for \$7,745.

The Aleuts are comfortably housed. Each family has a nice cottage, and receives stoves, coal, and electricity, and in general is well provided for.

While they have capitulated to Christianity, especially since America bought Alaska from the Russians, many ancient marriage customs survive, such as the husband living with all his wife's sisters and the wife living with as many of the husband's brothers as she can keep house for.

The islands have American schools, and the young Aleut is becoming proficient in English. The Aleuts have no dogs or other domestic animals. All the settlements being near the shore, communication is by means of skin-boats. The bow is still used in hunting the bear and the reindeer. They are not allowed firearms.

SAVAGE ATTACK

"SOCONY" MAN SERIOUSLY INJURED

BY FORMER EMPLOYEE

Mr. Felix G. Sutter, a native of Switzerland, superintendent at the Pandacan plant of the Standard Oil Company (in the Philippines), lay near death recently at St. Paul's Hospital from injuries received when he was struck over the head with an iron bar by a Filipino employee of the company whom he had previously dismissed. Mr. Sutter is still unconscious. His right eye was removed by attending physicians. He has a fractured skull and a fractured right cheek bone, and it follows his other eye may be seriously impaired, according to the physicians.

Amado Hermoso (24), of 261 Call Street, is under arrest, charged with the infliction of serious physical injuries. According to the story told to the police, Mr. Sutter dismissed Hermoso from the plant for negligence in the performance of duties about the place. He was employed to fill gasoline cans.

Hermoso was seen about the plant carrying a large piece of lead. It is said that he attacked Mr. Sutter from behind, striking him on the back of the head and again on the right side of the head before Mr. Sutter dropped unconscious. It is said that after the assault Hermoso ran amuck, looking for the substitute that had been hired in his place.

A thunderstorm cut short a speech by Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., at an open-air demonstration at Derby recently.

MONEY AND SHARES

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Mr. Barthelmess arrived at Mr. Smith's office at the appointed hour. He was delighted to hear the medal was to be given to him. But Mr. Smith, according to the story, remarked that the medal had been appraised and found to have seventy or eighty dollars worth of gold in it. Subsequently, Mr. Barthelmess could have it for a monetary consideration. Latest reports indicate the medal is still under Inspiration's roof.

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FOURTH TEST TO-MORROW

London, Yesterday. Playing in a two days' match against Durham, one of the minor counties, at Sunderland, the South Africans won by an innings and 60 runs. Scores:—Durham (1st innings) 112 runs (Q. MacMillan took 5 wickets for 43 runs) and (2nd innings) 71 runs. South Africans 243 runs (H. G. Owen-Smith made 102; A. L. Howell took 5 wickets for 74 runs).

Tate's Injury

On the first day of the match at Brighton for his county, Sussex, against Derbyshire, Maurice Tate (the England bowler and hitter) strained a calf muscle. He was medically examined this morning and will be unable to play, although selected, in the Fourth Test against the South Africans, commencing at Manchester on July 27.—Reuter.

[“Patsy” Hendren of Middlesex is 12th man but he is essentially a bowler and fieldman. Tate played in the three previous Tests.]

FOOTBALL

PROPOSED ALTERATION TO RULES

MEETING ON AUGUST 2

An extraordinary general meeting of the Football Association will be held in the Association Offices, French Bank Buildings, at 5.30 p.m., on Friday, August 2, to consider the following alteration to League Rule 16:—

Delete all from the word “A” to “route” in second paragraph and substitute: “A fee of \$5 will be paid to Referees.”

The attention of Hon. Secretaries of Clubs affiliating to the Association for 1929-30 is drawn to Association Rule 7 which requires all particulars together with annual subscription to be in the hands of the Association Hon. Secretary before September 1. As the Football League has now been taken over by the Association, it would facilitate matters if entries for the League also accompanied the entries to the Association.

It has been decided to make the presentation to Mr. F. W. Black, on his departure for Home, in view of his services to football generally during his sojourn in the Colony, at a dinner at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's Restaurant on August 10. Tickets for the dinner can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary of the Football Association at \$2.50 per head. Applications for tickets must be in by August 6. (Dress optional).

WATER POLO

LIST OF LEAGUE FIXTURES THIS YEAR

1st Round	
July 29	Somersets v. Kowloon “A.”
	Chinese “B” v. K.O.S.B. “B.”
30	K.O.S.B. “A” v. Royal Navy.
	Chinese “A” v. V.R.C. “A.”
31	Kowloon “B” v. V.R.C. “B.”
2nd Round	
Aug. 5	Somersets v. Chinese “B.”
	Kowloon “A” v. K.O.S.B. “B.”
6	K.O.S.B. “A” v. Kowloon “B.”
	Royal Navy v. V.R.C. “A.”
7	V.R.C. “B” v. Chinese “A.”
3rd Round	
Aug. 12	Somersets v. K.O.S.B. “B.”
	Kowloon “A” v. K.O.S.B. “A.”
13	Chinese “B” v. Royal Navy.
	Chinese “A” v. Kowloon “B.”
14	V.R.C. “A” v. V.R.C. “B.”
4th Round	
Aug. 19	Somersets v. V.R.C. “B.”
	Kowloon “A” v. Chinese “B.”
20	K.O.S.B. “A” v. V.R.C. “A.”
	Chinese “A” v. Royal Navy.
21	K.O.S.B. “B” v. Kowloon “B.”
5th Round	
Aug. 26	Kowloon “A” v. Royal Navy.
	Chinese “A” v. K.O.S.B. “B.”
27	V.R.C. “B” v. K.O.S.B. “A.”
	Chinese “B” v. Kowloon “B.”
28	Somersets v. V.R.C. “A.”
6th Round	
Sept. 2	Somersets v. Kowloon “B.”
	Chinese “A” v. Kowloon “A.”
3	Chinese “B” v. V.R.C. “A.”
	K.O.S.B. “A” v. K.O.S.B. “B.”
4	Royal Navy v. V.R.C. “B.”

The proposed amateur Argonauts club again failed to gain election to the Football League.

EXHIBITION TENNIS

YENCHING PLAYERS IN TIENTSIN

FINE DISPLAY OF DOUBLES

Tientsin, July 8.

The exhibition games between visiting players from Yenching University and local representatives on the courts of the T.L.T.A. on Saturday yielded four sets only, of which one was brilliant and the other three good, bad and indifferent. The visitors came in like lions and went out like lambs.

Kao and Jen started against Omar Rumjahn and Dr. Chin as if they meant to blow the local men off the courts. The Yenching boys exhibited the utmost confidence, were not in the least bothered by the gallery (which consisted predominantly of Chinese) and started hitting at top speed right away.

Indeed the second and third games of the opening set provided much the best brand of tennis of the whole afternoon, and the set itself outclassed any previous doubles play seen here this season. Two spectacular features were Kao's forehand driving and Rumjahn's smashing. Whenever the local pair came up to the net, Kao tried to overwhelm them with sheer force, but he always found it hard to beat Rumjahn, though very often Kao's drives fell limply off Chin's racket. And when the Yenching pair varied their tactics and lobbed, they found both their opponents safe. Chin got back most things, but there was little sting in either his smashes or his topspin drives. On the other hand Rumjahn punished all lobs with exceptional severity, going for them with a will every time and scoring a good many aces. Kao's work at the net was perhaps the prettier. He never seemed flustered in the least. His “kills” at the net were unreturnable, though he did not throw away his energy, preferring to angle his net volleys so astutely that even if they were recovered the opposing pair were forced out of court and left at his mercy.

Jen was somewhat erratic after his confident opening in the first set, when his exhibition was hardly inferior to that of his partner. The service of both was fast and accurate, and Jen's placements well-judged. But in the second set he went to pieces and his example was followed by his partner. They looked like being overwhelmed with a 6-1 score against them when they suddenly picked up again and from 6-1 they got on level terms. During this period Rumjahn seemed to have faded out of the picture. The Yenching pair concentrated on his partner, who was always willing—perhaps a little too willing—and Rumjahn had practically nothing to do. Rumjahn was the decisive factor in the games that settled the issue, and he finally won the set and the match with an extraordinarily pretty stop-volley from inside the service line. His accuracy all through was remarkable, and his volleying particularly good. Chin was steadier than Jen, and never stopped trying. Rumjahn and Chin won 7-5, 8-6.

The Singles Match

The singles match between V. Yacovlevsky and Chin (Peking) went to the local player easily, 6-2, 6-1. The Yenching boy was painfully nervous and when he did get control of himself in the second set he found that Yacovlevsky was playing with the utmost confidence, power and accuracy, and he hardly got a chance. The winner started badly, double-faulting three times in the first game, but he soon recovered, while Chin could hardly do a thing right. He mistimed his drives, “pulled” them time and again in his nervous anxiety, double-faulted, and netted his backhand returns.

In the second set he set his

teeth and started to hit, and a few good rallies resulted. Chin is probably a better player than would appear from his exhibition in this match, but he has yet to develop the right temperament for public displays of this description. Yacovlevsky's driving in the second set was remarkably accurate. He completely beat his opponent again and again with backhand and forehand drives to the corner, and seldom gave Chin time to get well up to the net.

SECOND DAY

Yenching Lost All Three

One set of sparkling, all-round tennis—tennis with a keen edge to it, with every point gained by hard-bitten determination and real skill—and then the complete subjection of the one to the other. This tells the story of the long awaited meeting of Kao of Yenching and A. L. Rumjahn, the Singles title-holder. The exhibition was exceedingly disappointing save for the first set, and nobody was more dissatisfied than Kao himself, who is confident he can do better and has asked that another match be arranged between himself and Rumjahn, which is to be played on the Association court to-morrow at 5 o'clock.

The preliminary warming-up established high expectations. Kao revealed a punching drive on both forehand and backhand, with length and speed. But later on, in the battle for points, he forgot the power of his drive, and did the worst thing he could possibly have done—he tried to beat Rumjahn by superior steadiness. The latter is more accurate than a good many people think. If his errors were averaged up the result would surprise those who are prone to regard him as rather a care-free player. But he is also ever ready to take a chance, and without a spice of adventure, without a dare now and then, and especially when things seem to be going a trifle



Joe Turnesa's middle name should be “Courage” because the tall, slim ex-caddy from Westchester always shows to the best advantage when the competition is the toughest. Look at his finish in the Yorkshire Purse in England; when he was dormie three to Herbert Jolly. Joe went out and won four straight holes with an eagle on the last one to win the big end of the purse.

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wrong, nothing was ever won. This was where Kao lost out. He forgot to take chances, he rarely if ever flung his racket viciously at the ball, and after one very successful spell at the net he found Rumjahn pitching the ball at his feet a little too frequently for his liking, and he incontinently abandoned this. Hard hitting and speedy and determined following up might have turned the course of the game, but when Kao lost the first set he lost the match, morally at any rate.

The first set was well worth the trouble of going out to see. Kao's service was in fine shape. The long high bounce compelled Rumjahn to take it deep, near the back-screen, and Kao's long legs took him to the net in a few strides to stop whatever came back. The first two games went to the Yenching boy, and after dropping a game he maintained his lead of two in the fourth game, which was easily the most stirring of the afternoon. Twice Kao came up and left Rumjahn standing helplessly beyond the service line. Then he made two astounding recoveries from almost impossible positions, getting the point with a slashing-kill at the net which was worthy of the very best company, while Rumjahn himself was playing at the very top of his form. This game roused the spectators to the greatest enthusiasm, but there was little more of such exchanges as these. Rumjahn's backhand shots repeatedly hit the tape, and Kao was too prone to drive out. The Yenching player led at 4-2, and again was two ahead at 5-3, but in the vital game, he became listless, and Rumjahn three times forced him hopelessly out of position, and ultimately got level at 5-5. After Rumjahn had got the lead for the first time in the set Kao resorted to ultra-cautious methods, and his nervous returns were mercilessly disposed of at the net, the set point being gained with a lovely back-hander which dropped in the angle of the base-line.

The second set started with some pretty exchanges in mid-court, with Rumjahn generally emerging on top. The first two games went to him, but Kao equalised, chiefly by his work at the net. But Rumjahn's fine placements to the corner and his passing shots caused his opponent to abandon his net rushes. The standard of play deteriorated, and Rumjahn won four games in a row, to get the set.

In the final set Rumjahn was irresistible. He produced a wonderful variety of shots, from all quarters of the court, and drove twice as hard as before, while Kao maintained a despairing defence which could not cope with the variegated attack brought to bear upon it.

Rumjahn won the match in straight sets—7-5, 6-2, 6-2.

The Doubles Game

Yacovlevsky and Pryor defeated Chin and Hsia 6-0, 7-5. The Yenching boys were hopelessly outclassed in the first set, and again at the beginning of the second set, and then, when the anxious Chinese in the gallery began to fear a love match, they made a remarkable recovery and by forcing tactics and stronger strokes took one game after another and, ought to have taken the set. But they faltered at the critical moment and Yacovlevsky put an end to the struggle with a great “kill” at the net. Both the foreign pair were in excellent form, and Yacovlevsky has rarely been more effective.

The second Singles match between Omar Rumjahn and Jen went to the former 6-1, 6-2. Jen played better tennis than the score suggests, though he too failed to exploit his powerful forehand drive as he ought to have done. Rumjahn made very few mistakes and his cross-court drives gained him many aces—Peking and Tientsin Times.



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CHINESE LOSS

DEATH OF MR. WONG TIN-TSEUNG

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The death occurred at 11 a.m. on the 18th instant at Field Cottage, Kowloon City, after an illness lasting a few days, of Mr. Wong Tin-tseung, a well-known Hong Kong Chinese resident, at the age of 69 years. In the year 1855 Mr. Wong was educated at St. Paul's College. He was proprietor of the Wai Hang firm of jewellers in Queen's road Central and the Tai Sang Hong, general merchants in Bonham-strand West. He was at one time comprador of Messrs Reuter Brockelman and Co., but retired from that position a few months before the War.

He was one of the promoters of the Free Night School opened in 1911 for the free education of the poor in English and Chinese, particularly those who having to earn their living were unable to attend school during the day. He deputed his son, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin to take charge of the English section of the school. He was also one of the promoters in 1920 of an industrial school for Destitute Children and Orphans in Hong Kong, and it is understood that he left some money for this worthy purpose.

Mr. Wong was a supporter of many charitable institutions and Sports Clubs. He was a man of a quiet temperament, and was always ready to assist a good cause anonymously.

FOOTBALLER HERO

HUTTON, OF BLACKBURN, IN A HARBOUR RESCUE

Jack Hutton, the Blackburn Rovers and Scottish international back, figured in a thrilling rescue of a girl in Aberdeen Harbour. Thomas Moir, of Menzies Road, Torry, who was passing, threw off his jacket, and although unable to swim, plunged to the girl's assistance.

Their plight was desperate when Hutton jumped into a small boat with another man, sculled rapidly towards them, and brought them to safety.

'RATED' BETTING

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It was stated in Dublin during mail week that the Commission which inquired into the operation of the Betting Act (1926) recommended the Free State Government to incorporate the following proposals in an amending measure:—

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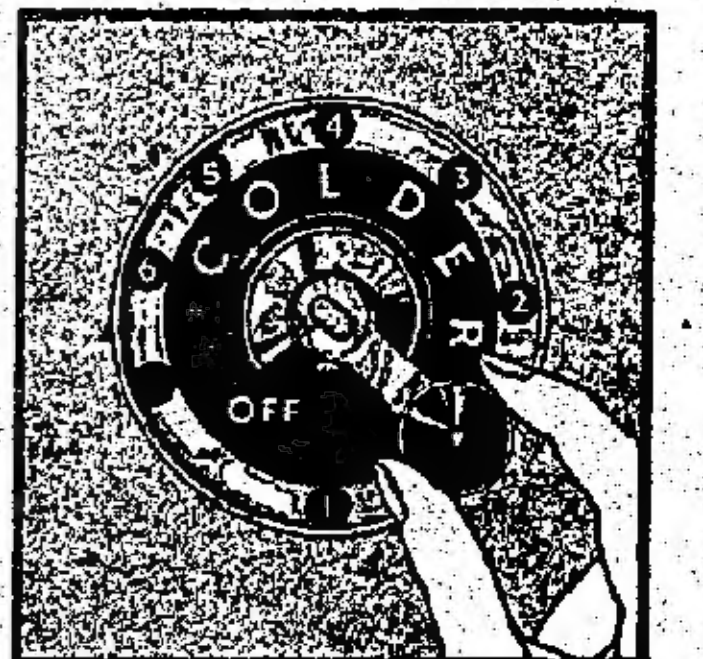
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Ambassador Dawes and his wife are shown above on their arrival at Southampton, where they were greeted by the Mayor (right).

Girl Flyer



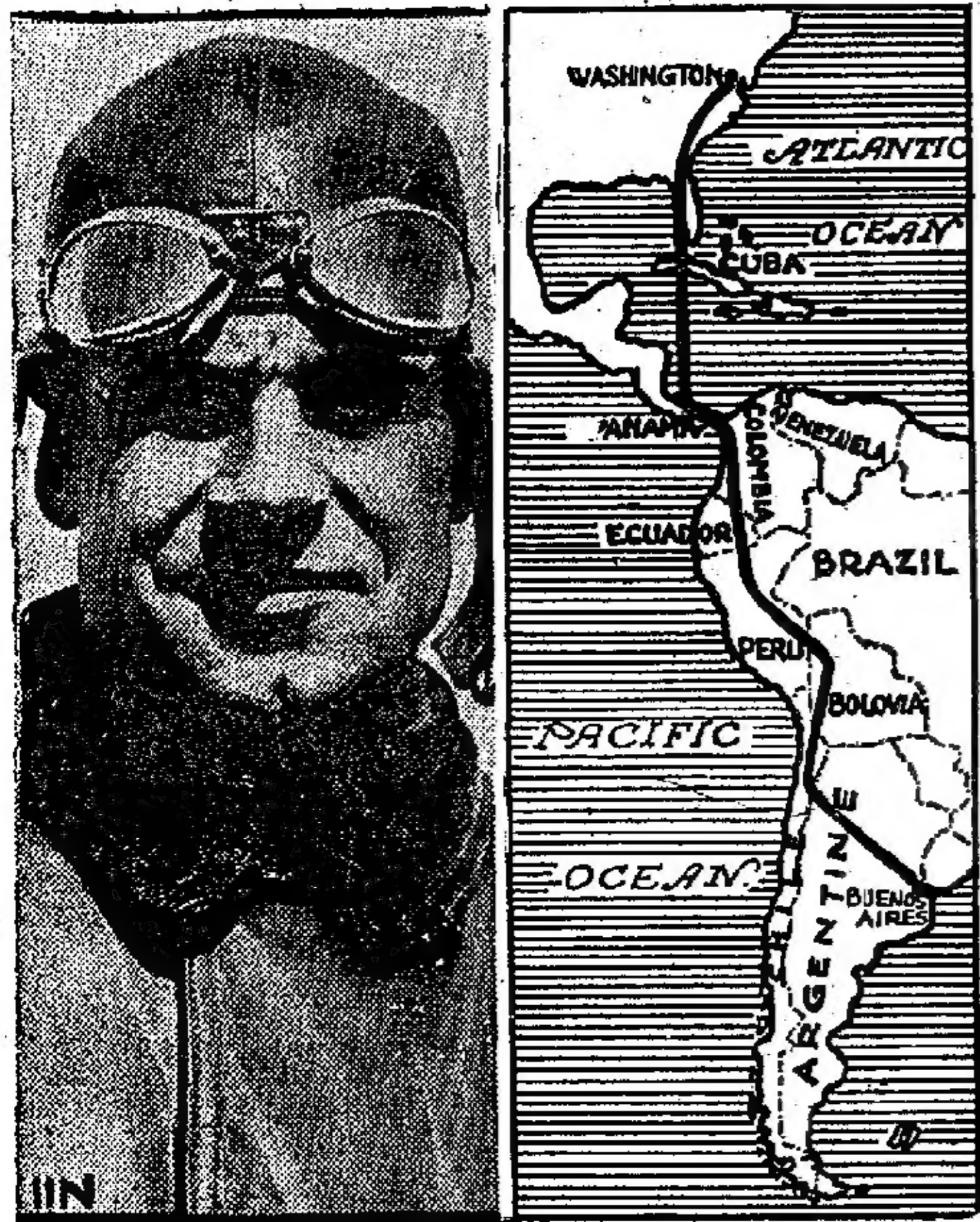
Catherine M. Moran of Philadelphia has been saving from her salary as typist to attend flying school. She has finally made the grade and now holds the distinction of being the first girl to receive a student's pilot licence and federal flying permit in Pennsylvania.

Tunney Says He Got Release



Gene Tunney paid \$35,000 to Katherine King Fogarty, above, on July 24, 1928, and received from her an affidavit releasing him from any and all obligations he might have incurred. This is the essence of Tunney's answer filed in Fairfield County court, to Mrs. Fogarty's breach of promise suit in which she asks \$500,000. She claims that the release was forced on her and therefore does not go.

Crack Army Flyer Plans Long Trip



An aerial voyage of discovery, reminiscent of the early trips which opened the western hemisphere, will be undertaken soon by Lieutenant James H. Doolittle, above, ace of army flyers. His itinerary includes Cuba, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Bolivia, and Argentina, and is the approximate route of the projected airmail service which is to be opened to South America. Lieut. Doolittle is best known for his performance in making the outside loop.

Not Quite Wedded Yet



It remained for a Georgia Judge to wreck the wedded bliss of Priscilla Dean, top, and Lieutenant Leslie Arnold, who thought they married after Arnold divorced his first wife. The first Mrs. Arnold was successful in having her divorce verdict set aside, by an Atlanta Court. This verdict isn't a very happy fade-out for their movie-land romance.

"Good News" Of Son



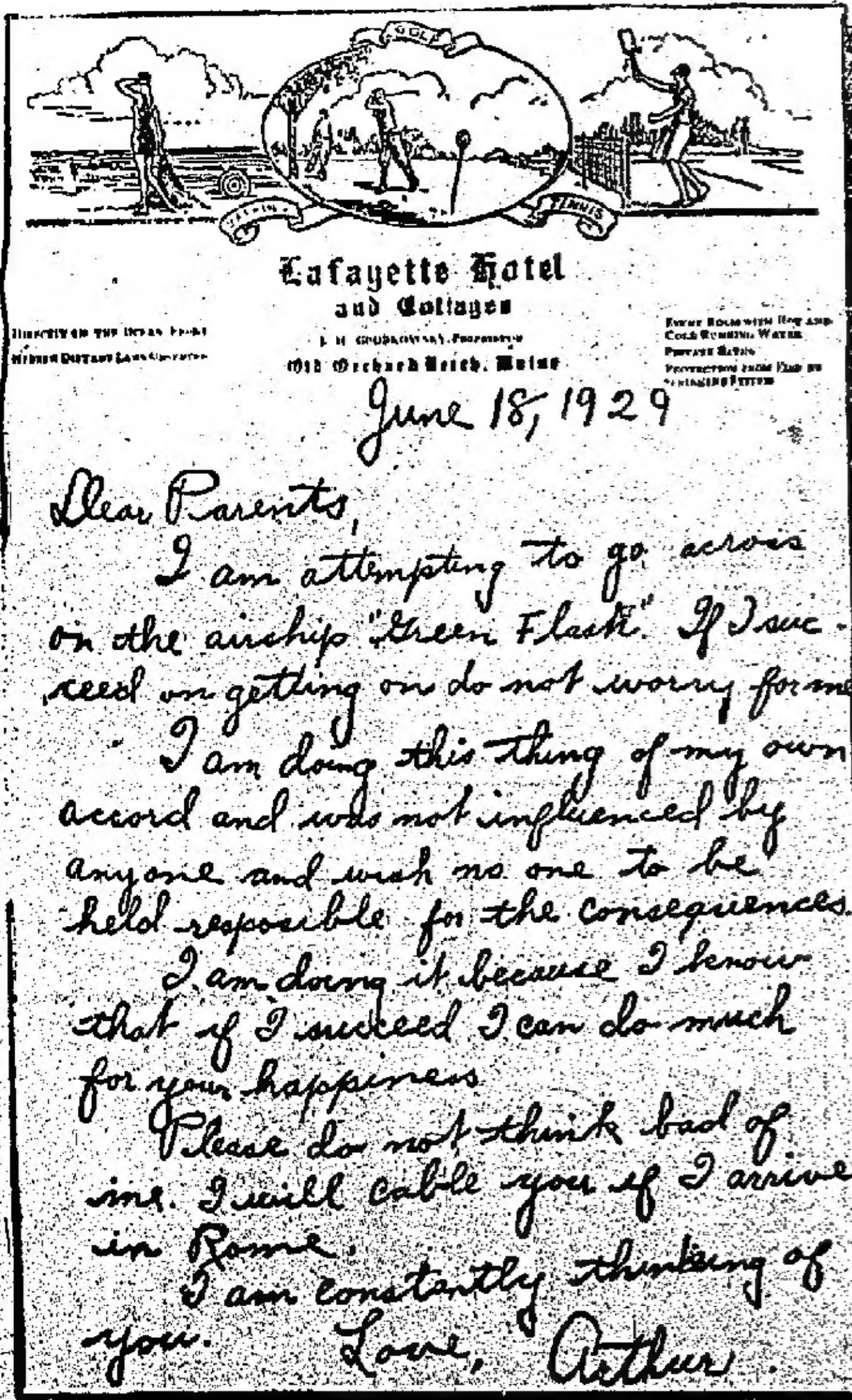
M. and Mrs. Armeno Lotti, Sr., waited patiently for the arrival of their son with his companions in the "Yellow Bird" at Le Bourget field, Paris. No cheerier word could have been brought them than that he was safe at Comilla, Spain, after battling the Atlantic weather.

Mystery Disease Wastes Life



Oriental parasites, a disease known as Kala-Azar, are believed to be slowly absorbing the blood of George Mosher, aged 14, in a Staten Island hospital. His blood must be replenished every week with healthy blood as the only means known of keeping him alive. When appeals for volunteers for the transfusions were sent out, fifteen people came forward to aid the boy.

How Stowaway Told His Parents



This letter would have given any mother and father a shock. The call of adventure seized Arthur Schreiber and this note is the way he took of telling his parents of Portland, Me. He was passing over the ocean in the "Yellow Bird," the first airmail stowaway. The note reveals that the youth intended to stow himself on the "Green Flash" on its flight to Rome.

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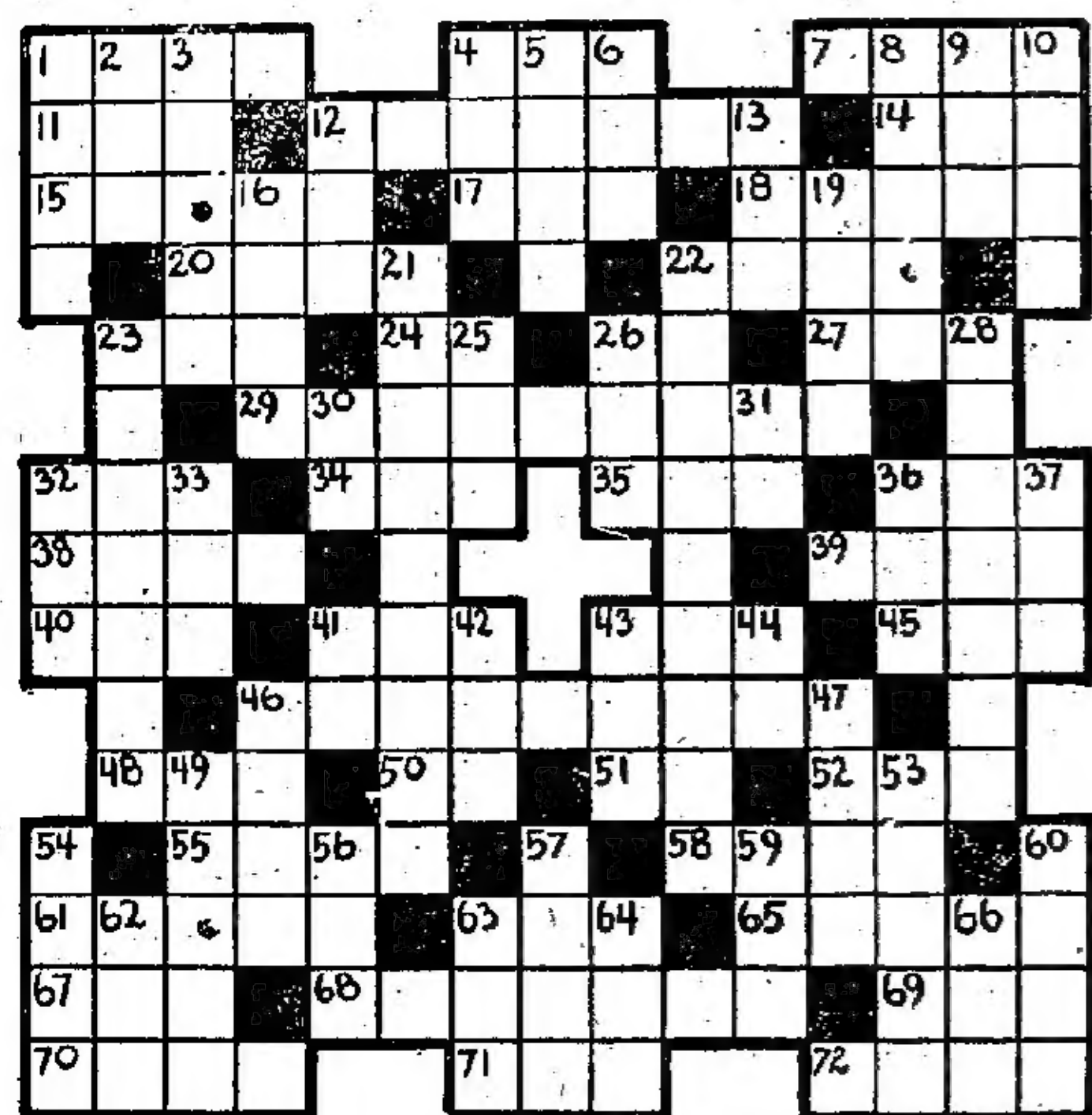
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, place, and alto.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Location
- 4-Assistance
- 7-Quarried
- 11-Bustle
- 12-A Shakespearean character
- 14-Guided
- 15-An absurd failure
- 17-Even (contr.)
- 18-Eulogistic memoir
- 20-Warbled
- 22-A black bird
- 23-Depression between two hills
- 24-A diphthong
- 26-Army Order (abbr.)
- 27-Beast of burden
- 29-A Moslem
- 32-Writing fluid
- 34-Mineral spring
- 35-Amount (abbr.)
- 36-A chopping tool
- 38-Chief of the Norse gods
- 39-To fully satisfy
- 40-Short for "Edward"
- 41-A thickness or layer
- 43-Curious scraps of literature
- 45-A Roman household god
- 46-An English poet

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 48-Correlative of neither
- 50-Printer's measure
- 51-Personal pronoun
- 52-To allow
- 55-Inferior in quality
- 58-An oxidation of iron
- 61-Lining of an animal's stomach used for food
- 63-Girl's name
- 65-Harvest
- 67-A pumber
- 68-Fur-bearing animal
- 69-An Hawaiian food
- 70-A river in Germany
- 71-To spread for drying
- 72-A bristle

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 21-An evangelistic missionary
- 22-A leader
- 23-To damn
- 25-Isiah (abbr.)
- 26-A wing
- 28-A navigating instrument
- 30-Personal pronoun
- 31-Here
- 32-An electrical unit
- 33-A young goat
- 36-A red dye
- 37-Ever (poet.)
- 41-A river of Italy
- 42-A Japanese coin
- 43-Purpose
- 44-Chemical symbol for silver
- 46-Gut close
- 47-Otherwise
- 49-To think
- 53-A storehouse (Fr.)
- 54-Man's name (German)
- 55-Over (post.)
- 57-At one time
- 59-A vase
- 60-One of the continents
- 62-A color
- 63-A dead
- 64-To incline the head
- 65-A kitchen utensil

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)



AH, HA!

His name is Arthur Strauss. He hails from Chicago. His father is a millionaire banker and hotel owner.

Last year Mr. Strauss visited Hollywood. He met Leatrice Joy. Mr. Strauss proved he was a man of judgment. He liked—and likes, forsooth—Miss Joy.

Heads are beginning to nod and significance creeps into voices discussing Leatrice and Mr. Strauss. Yes, we enjoy double-exposing a bubble into a diamond ring. Mr. Strauss is an attractive sophisticated in his early forties. He is married, but has been separated from his wife for some time. It is further declared by the all-wise that divorce papers are in the office.

It must have been four or five years ago that Leatrice severed her legal status with Jack Gilbert. At present, I believe, she is voodviling, but she settles in Hollywood pretty soon to begin work on her initial First National picture, writes Dorothy Herzog.

HEARSAY

With D. W. Griffith's departure from the United Artists fold as director, gossip centres on the "grand old megaphoner of the cinema." They do be sayin' that D. W. contemplates going to Europe and producing pictures there, with Carol Dempster the stellar figure. Mr. Griffith is in New York now. Carol has been there almost a year, studying voice, perhaps with her goal the opera. When D. W. joined U. A., Miss Dempster no longer played leads in his offerings. Other companies were interested in signing her, but she refused. Carol had always declared she would never make pictures for anyone except Griffith. Her patience, it seems, is on the verge of being rewarded. Whether or not D. W. will ever produce "Cradle of the Deep," the much discussed Joan Lowell book, is problematical. European flicker fields, however, still remain for the most part untouched by American directors.



Gary Cooper

It so happened that Gary Cooper heard that in the hills near Hollywood were bears. Now Gary loves to hunt. So does Andy Lawlor. Andy and Gary became very good friends when Andy was assigned to help Cooper acquire a Southern drawl for "The Virginian."

"Want to go bear huntin'?" Gary suggested, this part of morn. Andy un-bushed, but he wasn't sure he could. His own picture, "Magnolia," with Buddy Rogers and Mary Brian, began any day.

They decided to ask "Buddy" Leighton, the supervisor, if Lawlor could get away for a few days. Feeling quite sure it would be all right, they dressed for the expedition before going to the studio. Gary wore dungaree trousers, pink flannel shirt and boots. Andy, a pair of overalls, khaki shirt and boots. With guns in the crooks of their arms, they stormed the studio office. To their chagrin they walked in on a conference. Neither spoke. The "conference" gazed at them speechless. Gary rubbed his nose nervously, a trick of his when he's upset, and finally blurted: "Can Andy go bear huntin' with me?"

Melting silence. Chortles from the "conference," and Mr. Leighton managing to reply: "He can't. He goes to work to-morrow!"

TALKIE OF FUTURE

OVERCOMING LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES

The talkie of the near future will be a stereoscopic picture in natural colour, on the screen, three times the present size, with perfect synchronised sound. This statement was made by David Abrahams who with his father, purchased sites for a ring of fifteen cinema theatres on the outskirts of London with an average seating capacity of 3,000.

Abrahams said language difficulty was being overcome in Hollywood having separate British, French and German companies for important pictures, but there was a great demand for British voices and the opportunity for actors and actresses speaking good English was enormous.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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MME. LILLI LEHMANN

DEATH OF FAMOUS OPERA SINGER

The death occurred recently in Berlin of Madame Lilli Lehmann, a famous opera singer of the last century.

Her talent for singing was partly inherited from her mother, who was a singer and a teacher of singing.

Her first appearance was at Prague in "Zauberflote," and later she appeared at Danzig at the age of twenty and at Leipzig at the age of twenty-two. (She was born at Wurzburg in 1848.) Afterwards she was engaged for Berlin for light soprano roles, and remained there until 1885.

She sang at Her Majesty's as Violetta in 1880, and scored a great success four years later at Covent Garden as Isolde.

It is interesting to note that, as one of the Rheinmaidens, Lilli Lehmann appeared in the first performance in England of "The Ring." That was in 1882.

She developed and broadened her style of singing in a remarkable way. One authority speaks of her Fidelio as being the finest since Tietjens appeared in that role.

Later on she became a teacher of singing and published her authoritative book, "Meine Gesangskunst," which has been translated into English.



Bebe Daniels

Listened to Bebe Daniels' voice test to other afternoon in the R-K-O projection rooms. And take it from me she's a peep. Bebe sang a Spanish song and "Lover of Mine." She's got that vocal sex appeal that made Broadway salsam Helen Morgan. Her voice is mezzo soprano. Methinks Bebe will be something of a sensation in the title role of "Rio Rita." Famous Players lost a singy-talky bet when they permitted Mrs. Daniels' little girl to depart the fold. Bebe will have John Boles for her leading man in "Rio Rita" and John, as we all know, is some pumpkin at warbling. Which is splendid for Bebe. Her own ability will sparkle the better. For the past few weeks she has been studying the "Rio Rita" score. You'll get the surprise of a lifetime when you hear her sing.

OLD TAYLOR
AGED BY TIME

ROSA PONSELLE

NEW PRIMA DONNA'S TRIUMPH

AT COVENT GARDEN

The Covent Garden authorities promised us a thrill last night, and they produced it, says the "Daily Telegraph" to hand. They have told us wondrous tales of Miss Rosa Ponselle, who was to make her bow to a Covent Garden audience for the first time, yet had a world-wide fame. Only Covent Garden could provide the final cachet. For once the wondrous tales proved true.

But superb as was the singing of Miss Ponselle, an American-born Italian, "Norma," which has not been heard here since Oscar Hammerstein produced it in his—then—new theatre in 1911, and at Covent Garden since Lilli Lehmann sang it precisely thirty years ago, is much more than "Casta Diva" and a brilliant soprano singer.

"Norma" is a milestone in the progress of opera, and its neglect is not altogether due to managerial indifference, but largely to the incompetence of singers to deal adequately with Bellini's mellifluous phrases. It is the depreciated art of the singer more than the decay of taste for things beautiful that has aged "Norma." This, however, is far too great a point to be argued now.

But the revival of some operas roughly contemporaneous with "Norma"—some early Verdi, for example—will teach the young enthusiast a rare deal more than the production of most of the new and "ultra-modern" operas, of which we have had a share since the war.

A Glorious Voice

Although "Norma" is more than "Casta Diva," and a great soprano, as I have said, it is to be feared that it was precious little more when revived at Covent Garden last night. Miss Ponselle would have been almost fully justified in quoting apropos old Catalini's nasty remark when she said, 150 years ago, that an English festival consisted of "Moi, et cinq ou six poupees." For Miss Ponselle, on this actually her first appearance in the most hallowed opera house in the world, bore the whole weight of the performance upon her shoulders on an evening when quite reasonably she might have been a little nervous.

Here is truly a glorious voice, and her use of it, a trifle mannered on occasion, if you like, is no less glorious. To hear the dear old soprano stalking horses, "Casta Diva," sung in such perfection of style—if stalking horses may be sung!—is matter for record. Such singing, such distinction of the real style, is, alas, of the rarest to-day. Moreover, Miss Ponselle moves with consummate grace. Her coloratura is at once of the smoothest and of the utmost purity. Her success at this, her first London appearance, was a complete success.

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Next in importance, if one may put it so, was Signor Vincenzo Bellini—a conductor to whom nothing seems to come amiss. Apart from what he achieved later, his conducting of the curious little overture was no less than mastery. The remainder of the cast was adequate, but undistinguished.—R. H. L.



Above, Ellen Smith, who holds women's endurance flight record. Below, Ruth Elder, first woman to fly to Atlantic from Australia. Right, Amelia Earhart, first woman to fly across the Atlantic.

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DIPLOMATS' REPLY RENDITION OF PROVISIONAL COURT

VENUE OF CONFERENCE

Shanghai, To-day.
The Dutch Minister (doyen of the Diplomatic Corps in Peking) has communicated with the Chinese Foreign Office, on behalf of the Diplomatic Body, acknowledging receipt of the Chinese note of July 4 and indicating the attitude of the Powers in regard to the rendition of China of the Shanghai Provisional Court.

The Dutch Minister also enquired as to a suitable date and place for the holding of a conference for this purpose. The Foreign Office, in reply, expressed thanks towards the Diplomatic Body for the sympathy with China's aspiration, and suggested Shanghai as a suitable place for holding such a conference. Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

BANK RATE

CHANCELLOR'S HINT TO HOME BANKERS

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

London, Yesterday.
The recent efflux of gold from the Bank of England is engendering fears of a raised bank rate, and lends significance to a speech by Mr. P. Snowden (Chancellor of the Exchequer) at a bankers' banquet at the Mansion House last night.

He declared that finance and industry, like soldiers, must work together; and said they must continue to trust the Bank of England to deal with the present monetary situation, but must be able to count on the best support of other financial institutions.

He appealed to the City houses to exercise caution in regard to foreign lending, where exchanges were unfavourable to Britain, and hoped the present position would be tidied over without an increase in the bank rate, the psychological effect of which at present would be injurious to trade and enterprise.—Reuter.

"LOST IN SMOKE"

YOUNG GIRL'S YARN TO THE —MAGISTRATE

"RENDERED UNCONSCIOUS"

Two Chinese men and a woman were yesterday afternoon charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith with harbouring a young Chinese girl without the consent of her parents. The girl's story was that she was rendered unconscious for seven or eight days as the result of first accused blowing some smoke into her face. She knew nothing of what took place during the time she was in the three accused's company.

Second accused claimed that the girl, who was 15 years of age, was in love with him. He admitted harbouring her without her parents' consent, but he was not aware that such consent was necessary.

The female accused said that she had told the girl to go away, but she refused to do so.

First accused said that he knew nothing about the affair.

The Magistrate rejected the girl's evidence about the blowing of smoke and discharged first accused. No 2 was sentenced to one month's hard labour, whilst the woman, who turned out to be his mother, was cautioned.

MINERS' WORKING HOURS

LABOUR PLEDGES

RESOLUTIONS AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

NATIONAL WAGES PACT

London, Yesterday.
The annual conference of the Miners' Federation at Blackpool unanimously adopted a resolution pressing the immediate repeal of the Eight Hours Act, also another motion in favour of taking steps to secure a higher standard of living for miners, a higher minimum rate of wages, and a return to a national wages agreement based on the cost of living and containing a uniform minimum percentage guarantee to all grades of workers in mines.

The official report says that the Conference understood that the Government would honour its pledges in regard to miners' working hours.—Reuter.

Temperature, 10 a.m., to-day

Temperature, 4 p.m., yesterday

Humidity, 10 a.m., to-day

Humidity, 4 p.m., yesterday

M. POINCARÉ

HEALTH REPORT RATHER PESSIMISTIC

Paris, Yesterday.
It is rumoured that the health of M. Poincaré is less satisfactory



than might be expected from the recent medical report.—Reuter.

[A Paris cable of July 17 stated: It is reported that M. Poincaré is suffering from a slight temperature due to overwork, as a result of his 14-hour speech, and yesterday's 12-hour debate in the Chamber in the tropical heat. His doctor has ordered him to rest, but he expects to return to the Chamber to-morrow.]

The Rev. William Walton, vicar of the Bretons, Faversham, has been nominated by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the rectory of Little Mongeham with Sutton by Dover, in succession to the Rev. W. E. Williams.

CANTON GARRISON

DISBANDMENT SCHEME POSTPONED

GENERAL CHAN'S JOURNEY

Canton, Yesterday.
The whole of the arrangements for military disbandment and re-organization in Kwangtung, scheduled to begin in August, are to be postponed, pending the outcome of the Second Military Disbandment and Re-organization Conference to be held at Nanking, the purpose of which is to decide upon a new programme for the whole country.

General Chan Chai-long (Commander-in-Chief), who has been previously reported as about to proceed to Nanking to attend the conference, has postponed his journey until Sunday or Monday, because on July 27, he will have to supervise the ceremonies in connection with the assumption of office of the newly-appointed members of the Kwangtung Provisional Government.

A military review of picked troops of all the units in Canton will be held at the Eastern parade ground at Canton to-day.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

CANTON ITEMS

KWANGTUNG'S FINANCE MATTERS

CENTRAL BANK NOTE ISSUE

Canton, Wednesday.
In order to restore the full exchange value of the Central Bank notes in Canton and to re-open the note redemption department of the Central Bank, the Canton Financial authorities have sanctioned the issue of a series of new notes amounting to the total value of \$3,000,000 and, at the same time, the rescinding of a quantity of the old notes to the same amount, which is still in storage in the Bank.

The issue of the new notes commenced on July 10 and up to July 23, over half of the total amount of new notes were in circulation in the market.

Silk Import?

Under order of the Finance Ministry, Nanking, the Canton Finance Commissioner, Mr. Fan Ki-nu, is making arrangements for the imposition of a special tax on silk-producing cocoons, which thrive especially in the Sanwei and Shuntak districts, where the raising of cocoons is a productive industry. China's Airmen

Mr. Yeung Kwan-yu, commander of the Second Air Squadron of the Canton Air Bureau, is at present in a hospital undergoing treatment for severe injuries to his leg, sustained through being knocked down by a motor-car while taking a walk along the Wen Furead on July 23.

The driver of the motor-car was arrested by the police and charged with reckless driving.

Captain Lin Pui-chun, director of the Aviation Bureau of Yunnan, who has been in Canton for some time, was to have left Canton for Nanking with his three assistants on the aeroplane "Kui Ma" on the morning of July 23, but bad weather prevented him from starting on time.

Kwangsi Problems

Mr. Yu Tsok-pai, chairman of the Provincial Government of Kwangsi, has wired to Canton stating that he will probably proceed to Canton on July 25 to consult with the Canton authorities regarding various rehabilitation problems of Kwangsi.

"Reds" on the Move.
A Swatow report says that the "Reds" in Southern Fukien have again become active and are now terrorizing the inhabitants of the districts. Some of the troops stationed there are either helpless and too weak to check the activities of the "Reds" or have sympathy with them.

Both the Kwangtung and Fukien Governments are being asked by the sufferers for relief.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

HOME EMPLOYMENT

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RUSSIAN TRANSACTIONS

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons, in reply to questions Mr. W. Graham, President of the Board of Trade said that as part of the Lord Privy Seal's employment policy the Government had decided that an Advisory Committee should be established by the acts governing the exports credits guarantee scheme and should be free from August 1 to consider applications in respect of transactions with Russia.—Reuter.

Mr. Trevor Jones (28), clerk to the Rhonda Council, has been appointed assistant collector to the Hull Corporation.

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